

## Volume 12 (SUM15) Adult-Kid Connections

### Unit 35, Session 5: Paul's Third Journey

*Acts 18:18–21:16*

#### **Christ Connection:**

**Preschool:** Paul told so many people about Jesus, and he encouraged people who believed in Jesus to keep loving Him. God changed people's hearts, and they turned away from their sin. The good news about Jesus is powerful.

**Kids:** Paul shared the gospel with people who didn't know Jesus, and he encouraged believers in the church to keep loving Jesus. God changed the people's hearts, and they turned away from their sin. The good news about Jesus is powerful and life-giving.

**Adults:** *Read Luke 11:5-18.*

The call to pray is a call to persevere. Prayer is the appropriate response to God since in doing it we acknowledge our complete dependence upon Him. Prayer is certainly a prominent activity of the church in the Book of Acts, especially when the gospel was first going out from Jerusalem to the rest of the world (see Acts 1:24; 4:31; 8:15; 13:2-3; 14:23; 20:36). The mission requires us to pray because we cannot complete it in our own power and because we know that we are praying according to God's desire to make His name known among the nations (see Isa. 11:9; Hab. 2:14).

Perhaps the call for persistent prayer, such as in Luke 11:5-18, is as much for our sake as it is for God's. One who continually brings her requests to God is one who is continually reminded of the source of her hope. When we pray, we are hoping for God's promises even as we're remembering them. Perhaps God calls us to pray with persistence as much for the rhythm of life it invites as for anything else, a life that is punctuated by remembrances of God's presence, His faithfulness, and His provision, even as we wait for answers to our prayers.

Materials: Map of Paul's missionary journeys, paper, pencil

Choose one of your kids to trace her finger over Paul's journey on your Bible map. Guide each child to draw a simple map of the places they frequently visit on a normal day. Give your family time to complete the drawings.

Ask: "What were some unusual things that happened whenever Paul went to a city to share the gospel in our Bible story?"

Remind them how silversmiths in Ephesus made trouble for Paul. The silversmiths worried no one would buy their statues to worship anymore! In Troas, a young man fell asleep listening to Paul and he fell out of a window! Paul rushed to the young man and brought him back to life through God's power. Finally, in Jerusalem, a prophet named Agabus tied himself up and told Paul that Paul would be tied up and taken to prison. Paul was not discouraged but kept going from town to town to tell the people that Jesus is the Son of God.

Ask: "Who can we pray for so that they could hear the good news and be saved?"

If you don't have a few people you've been praying for, write down a list of unbelievers who need to know the good news about Jesus. Commit to pray for them throughout the week. Pray for the opportunity to tell them that Jesus loves them and died on the cross and rose again to save them from their sins.

Pray, asking God to draw these unbelievers to Him.