Younger Preschool May 31

Bible Teaching: Aquila, Priscilla and Apollos

Bible Passage: Acts 18:18–28

Summary

After ministering in Corinth, Paul left for Syria. A married couple of believers, Priscilla and Aquila, went with him. Priscilla and Aquila stayed in Ephesus while Paul went to Syria. Priscilla and Aquila encountered a man named Apollos. Apollos was courageously speaking about Jesus in the synagogue, but there were some things that he did not yet understand about Jesus. The couple took Apollos aside and explained the way of God to him more accurately. Apollos then went on to share the Gospel with many other people.

Today's Brite Idea is: God works through people.

Monthly Memory Verse: (1 Chronicles 29:11)

Yours is the greatness and the power and the glory.

Monthly Big Question: Is God in control of everything? Yes!

Leader Training

Preschool Perspectives: Celebrate What God Is Doing

Good news is contagious and encouraging. As leaders, we can encourage and partner with parents by celebrating what God is doing.

- **Good news reports.** Often we use pickup time to share discipline problems or concerns, but what if pickup time was known as good news reports? During group time, jot down a note or two when you see God working in kids. Maybe they had a special prayer request or asked a great question. When parents pick up their kids, begin the conversation with "I've got good news about ___" and share where you see God working.
- **God is working note.** Each week, write a note to a kid in your group and their parents. Share where you see God working and how you are praying for them.
- **Brag on the kids.** Take a moment to brag on kids to their parents. When the parents share that with their kids, that reaffirms they have a place where they are valued.

Navigating a Broken World: Dealing With Conflict

As many as 21 percent of parents report that their kids have difficulty making or keeping friendships.* Kids experience conflict, and it is important for them to know how to deal with it. Model healthy conflict resolution within your group. If two kids have a disagreement, encourage them to apologize to one another. Lead kids in knowing how to forgive one another and explain why words or actions may have hurt someone's feelings. If kids share about conflicts happening outside of your group, help them brainstorm what to do in a godly way.

*For more resources on this topic, check out: britecurriculum.com/resources.

Preschool Glossary:

Corinth: a big city
Ephesus: a big port and trade city

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Small Group Roadmap

Belong (10 minutes)

Goal: For kids to experience God's love through a welcoming community

Mirror Me
Supplies: None

Bible Teaching (15 minutes)

Aquila, Priscilla and Apollos *(Acts 18:18–28)*
Supplies: Bible, Bible story cards

Believe (10 minutes)

Goal: For kids to discover who God is by engaging with the Bible

Memory Verse Bubbles
Supplies: Memory Verse Song, music player, bubble machine, bubble solution

Become (10 minutes)

Goal: For kids to learn to follow Jesus by applying faith to their lives

Tent Maker
Supplies: Take-Home page, coloring supplies, green paper (1 per kid), brown paper (1 per 2 kids), heart stickers (several per kid), glue, scissors (prep)

Mirror Me

Belong Activity

Supplies: None

Prep: None

Activity Intro: Welcome, everyone! My name is _____. Can you each tell us your name? *Welcome each kid by name and welcome any new kids to the group.*

Instructions:

1. **Say:** Let's play "Mirror Me"! Watch carefully and do exactly what I do.
2. *Have kids stand in a circle.*
3. *Tell them to watch you closely and do exactly what you do—like a mirror!*
4. *Start with slow, fun motions: clapping, turning, tiptoeing, reaching, etc.*
5. *Play as long as time allows.*

Activity Wrap-Up: You did an awesome job following my moves! When we watch and follow with love and kindness, we're being just like Jesus.

Bible Teaching

Supplies: Bible, Bible story cards

Prep: Print the Bible story cards double-sided.

Aquila, Priscilla and Apollos
(Acts 18:18–28)

Say: Today's true story from the Bible comes from the book of Acts. Paul made two new friends who loved Jesus. Their names were Priscilla and Aquila (uh-KWIHL-uh). They made tents just like Paul did! Priscilla and Aquila traveled with Paul and shared the good news of Jesus with others.

Say: After a while, Paul went one way to tell people about Jesus while Priscilla and Aquila stayed in a town. They kept telling people about Jesus. They met a man named Apollos (uh-PAH-lowse). Can you say "Apollos"? Apollos was also telling people about God. But there was one problem. He was confused. He didn't really understand what Jesus had done.

Say: Priscilla and Aquila decided to help Apollos. They explained the truth about God and helped him understand what he didn't before. Then Apollos continued to travel and share about Jesus. He shared how Jesus was the Savior whom God had promised since the very beginning!

Say: God works through His people to help others. He used Paul to share the good news of Jesus. God used Priscilla and Aquila to help Apollos. God used Apollos to tell even more people the good news about Jesus. God can work through us, too, and we can help other people.

Say: God kept His promise to send a Savior by sending Jesus. This is good news. We can tell everyone that Jesus came, died on the cross and rose again. If we believe in Jesus, we can live with Him forever.

Wrap-Up:

Big Question: Is God in control of everything? Yes!

Memory Verse: (1 Chronicles 29:11)

Watch the Memory Verse Video and practice the motions with the kids.

- Yours is the *(point up to the sky)*
- greatness and the *(extend arms out)*
- power and the *(flex your muscles)*
- glory. *(close hands and burst them open while extending arms out)*
- 1 Chronicles 29:11 *(open hands like opening a book)*

He: God uses people.
We: God can use us.
Me: God can use me.

Memory Verse Bubbles

Believe Activity

Supplies: Memory Verse Song, music player, bubble machine, bubble solution

Prep: Pour the bubble solution into the bubble machine. Make sure the bubble machine works and replace batteries if need be.

Activity Intro: The Bible teaches us true stories about God. We can help others know Jesus, just like Paul, Priscilla, Aquila and Apollos did.

Instructions:

1. **Say:** Let's praise God together! This verse tells us how great and powerful He is.
2. **Say:** We will listen to our Memory Verse Song. While we listen, I will turn on our bubble machine and I want you to dance and pop the bubbles!
3. *Play the Memory Verse Song while you turn on the bubble machine.*
4. *Play until all kids have had a chance to pop the bubbles.*
5. Great job! When we dance to God's Word, we are praising Him!

Activity Wrap-Up: God is great, powerful and full of glory! You did such a great job praising Him today.

Tent Maker

Become Activity

Supplies: Take-Home page, coloring supplies, green paper (1 per kid), brown paper (1 per 2 kids), heart stickers (several per kid), glue, scissors (prep)

Prep: Print the Take-Home page (1 per kid). Pre-cut triangle tent shapes from brown paper (1 per kid). Write “God gives us people to help us” on the bottom of the green paper.

Instructions:

1. **Say:** Priscilla and Aquila made tents and helped people learn about Jesus. Let’s make our own tent picture and add hearts so we can remember to tell others about God’s love.
2. *Give each kid a piece of green construction paper.*
3. *Help them glue the brown tent shape near the center of the paper.*
4. *Have kids add heart stickers around the tent.*
5. *Invite kids to draw people, crosses or anything that reminds them of helping others.*
6. *Write each kid’s name on their paper and set aside for parent pickup.*

Discussion Questions:

- Who were the helpers in our Bible story today?
- What kind of job did Priscilla and Aquila do?
- How did they help Apollos?
- What are some ways you can help others like they did?

Pray Together: Dear God, thank You for giving us people to help us. Help us to love others like You do. Amen.

Activity Wrap-Up: Give each kid a Take-Home page. With remaining time, kids can play in centers or color the Take-Home page.

Centers

Set up 3-4 centers around the room for kids to explore and learn as they play. While kids explore the centers, leaders can work with individuals or small groups to make the craft. Set up each center in a separate part of the room, making sure all kids are visible at all times. Show the whole group what is in each center and give simple instructions on what kids should do in each center.

- **Coloring Station:** Lay out butcher paper and encourage kids to draw what they think it looks like to help others.
- **Building Blocks:** Provide blocks and encourage kids to build a tent.
- **Modeling Dough Station:** Provide modeling dough for kids. Encourage kids to use the modeling dough to create the items needed to tell today's story.

Bonus Bible Script

Preschoolers learn best through repetition. Use the script below to review the story at any opportunity. You could review the story while kids play in centers, while they work on their craft, during snack time or while waiting for parents.

Say: Priscilla and Aquila, a married couple who believed in Jesus, helped Paul as he taught others about Jesus. They stayed in Ephesus to help share about Jesus while Paul went to Syria. They met a man named Apollos, who shared about Jesus but did not have all his facts about Jesus right. Priscilla and Aquila helped Apollos understand things about God. Apollos went on to share the Gospel with many other people.

Is God in control of everything? Yes!