

# Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Where could you go this week to share the gospel?
- Who could you share the gospel with this week?
- Why might that be difficult?

## Paul Before Rulers

Acts 24–26

**STORY POINT: PAUL WAS WILLING TO DO HARD THINGS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.**

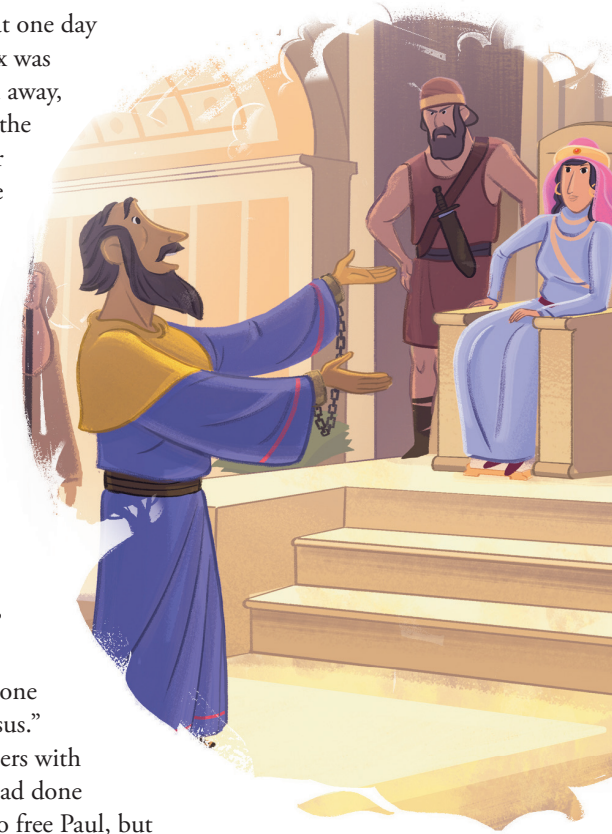
The Roman leaders wanted to figure out why the Jews hated Paul so much. So Paul met with rulers to try to explain what was going on.

First, Paul met with Felix the governor. Paul talked about faith in Jesus. He explained that one day God is going to judge the world. Felix was afraid of what Paul said. He sent Paul away, but he met with him many times for the next two years. When a new governor came into power, Felix did not release Paul from prison.

The new governor was named Festus. Paul stood before Festus. "I haven't done anything wrong," Paul explained. "I want to see Caesar!" Paul had the right to take his case to him. Festus agreed. While Paul was waiting to go to Rome, King Agrippa and Queen Bernice visited Festus and Paul. Paul told the king that Jesus died to bring salvation to Jews and Gentiles. "You are out of your mind!" Festus said.

Paul said, "I wish you—and everyone who is listening—might believe in Jesus."

King Agrippa, Festus, and the others with them got up. They agreed that Paul had done nothing wrong. The king was ready to free Paul, but Paul had already asked to go to Rome.



*Christ Connection: God had chosen Paul to take the gospel to Gentiles, kings, and the Israelites. (Acts 9:15-16) Paul met with people again and again to tell the good news about Jesus. He wanted everyone to believe that Jesus is Lord. Because Jesus has the power to save people from sin, Paul was willing to do whatever it took to share the gospel.*

# Truth Acrostic

Use the letters T-R-U-T-H to begin sentences describing things that are true about God.

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Paul



Felix



Caesar



Festus



Agrippa



Bernice

## Finish Strong

Draw a line between each name with the correct description.

- the Roman governor of Judea who refused to release Paul from prison
- the emperor of Rome
- the wife of King Agrippa
- a Christian missionary in the early church whose letters to churches are found in the New Testament
- the Roman governor of Judea after Felix
- the son of Agrippa II and great-grandson of Herod the Great