

## \*BIG SHOES TO FILL

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Different color of paper for each child, or different colored small ball; shoes -2 pairs

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Line the shoes, boots, sneakers on one wall, about a foot or two apart and Label them.  
-Festus, King Agrippa, Bernice & Paul-
- Give each child a different color of paper or ball. (Ask kids to wad paper into a tight ball and hold on to it.)
- Have kids stand about 5 feet from the shoes.
- Explain that you'll review what they remember about each person from today's lesson by reading a statement. At the end of the statement, kids should toss their paper wad/ball into the shoes of the person in the Bible story who could have made that statement.
- If there is more than one child playing you could make it a game.
  - Put each shoe in the middle of a hula hoop. Only give each child one paper wad or ball. Tally the paper wads, after each question, that made it into the proper shoes. Give one point for getting the paper wad into the correct hoop and two points if the paper wad went inside the shoe. Take away a point for every paper wad that landed in the wrong shoe or hoop. The one with the most points after all the questions wins

### Review Statements:

1. Do you want to go back to Jerusalem for trial? *(Festus)*
2. I'm ready to be put into prison. In fact, I'm ready to die for the Lord Jesus. *(Paul)*
3. Are you trying to talk me into becoming a Christian? *(King Agrippa)*
4. Agrippa, darling, be a dear and fetch me my crown. *(Bernice, King Agrippa's Queen)*
5. I'm sending this man to Rome, but I don't even know what charges to list against him. *(Festus)*
6. My queen and I are quite fascinated by this prisoner named Paul. *(King Agrippa)*
7. So, this bright light came down from heaven and the voice of Jesus spoke to me. *(Paul)*
8. I don't see why this man should die or be put into prison. *(King Agrippa)*
9. I preach to everyone from all places and backgrounds. *(Paul)*
10. The story of Jesus that I am telling you is bigger than any other story. *(Paul)*

### WHAT YOU SAY:

God gave Paul some unique opportunities to tell people that **the story of Jesus is bigger than every other story**. Paul is a great example for us to follow. Wherever he walked, he told those he met about Jesus. We can walk that way too. Our shoes may be different, our clothes are different, and the places we go are different, but we can share the same story that Paul shared. Everywhere we go we can help others know about God's love and forgiveness."

**Share...***(What are some opportunities you've had to share Jesus' story with others? How did people respond? What did you do if the response wasn't what you'd hoped for? Remind the kids of how important it is to always show kindness to people even if they don't want to hear about Jesus.)*

## \*FILL IN THE BOX *(memory verse activity)*

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bibles, 'Rebus Cards' (NIRV) *(Activity Pages)*

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Review the memory verse by having the kids look it up in their Bibles. 'Ephesians 2:8", help if needed.
- Set out the Rebus cards with the words of the verse on them.
- Ask the kids to put the cards in order from left to right.
- Say the verse, looking at the cards.
- Turn one of the cards over. Say the verse filling in, by memory, what that card says.
- You can have only one card turned over for each round and turn over a different one each time or turn over a new card each round and leave it turned over for each additional round until all cards have been turned over.

## WHAT YOU SAY:

Even though you couldn't see the words to the verses after each card was flipped over, you still knew the words were there. That's how faith works. It's believing something even if you can't see it. **The story of Jesus is bigger than every other story** because it's all about faith. The first part of Ephesians 2:8 says, **'God's grace has saved you because of your FAITH in Christ.'** We use faith to believe that God sent Jesus to earth to rescue us from our sin, even though we didn't see it happen with our eyes. We use faith when we say we know Jesus was born, died on a cross, and rose from the dead, even though we weren't there when it happened. When you believe in Jesus, you make a faith choice. And it's the very best choice you will ever make!"

## PRAY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Storybooks, Bible

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Show kids the storybooks you brought. Say; 'These are fun, maybe even interesting.'
- Hold up the Bible. Say; 'But we know the stories in this are real. Everything in our bible is true. This tells us the story of Jesus. It tells us how **the story of Jesus is bigger than every other story**. Everyone needs to hear Jesus' story and hopefully choose to believe it. Let's pray;

Dear God, help us share Your big, amazing, and powerful story with others this week. Thank You for sending Jesus to save us. Thank You for always being with us. Please help us to follow Paul's example this week by sharing You with others wherever we go. Amen.