

Paul, Priscilla, and Aquila
Acts 18:1-16

WEEK 12



Act It!

POINT ➔ WE HELP OUR FRIENDS OBEY GOD.

Open your Bible to Acts 18, and show children the words. SAY: **The Bible is God's special book. Let's learn what the Bible says about Paul's friends who helped him obey God.**

Paul went to Corinth, where he met Aquila and Priscilla. Have kids shake hands with each other. **The three lived and worked together as tent-makers.** Have kids pass around the *Kaboom Sticks* to use as hammers. **After a while, Silas and Timothy came to help Paul, Aquila, and Priscilla preach God's Word.** Have kids wave.

Once when Paul preached to the Jews, they wouldn't believe what he said. Have kids pretend they're preaching. **Paul shook the dust off his clothes, saying he'd only preach to the Gentiles from then on.** Have kids take turns banging a *Kaboom Stick* against their clothes.

One night while Paul slept (have all kids lie down, pretending to sleep), **God spoke to him in a dream, telling him not to be afraid but to keep preaching about Jesus. But**

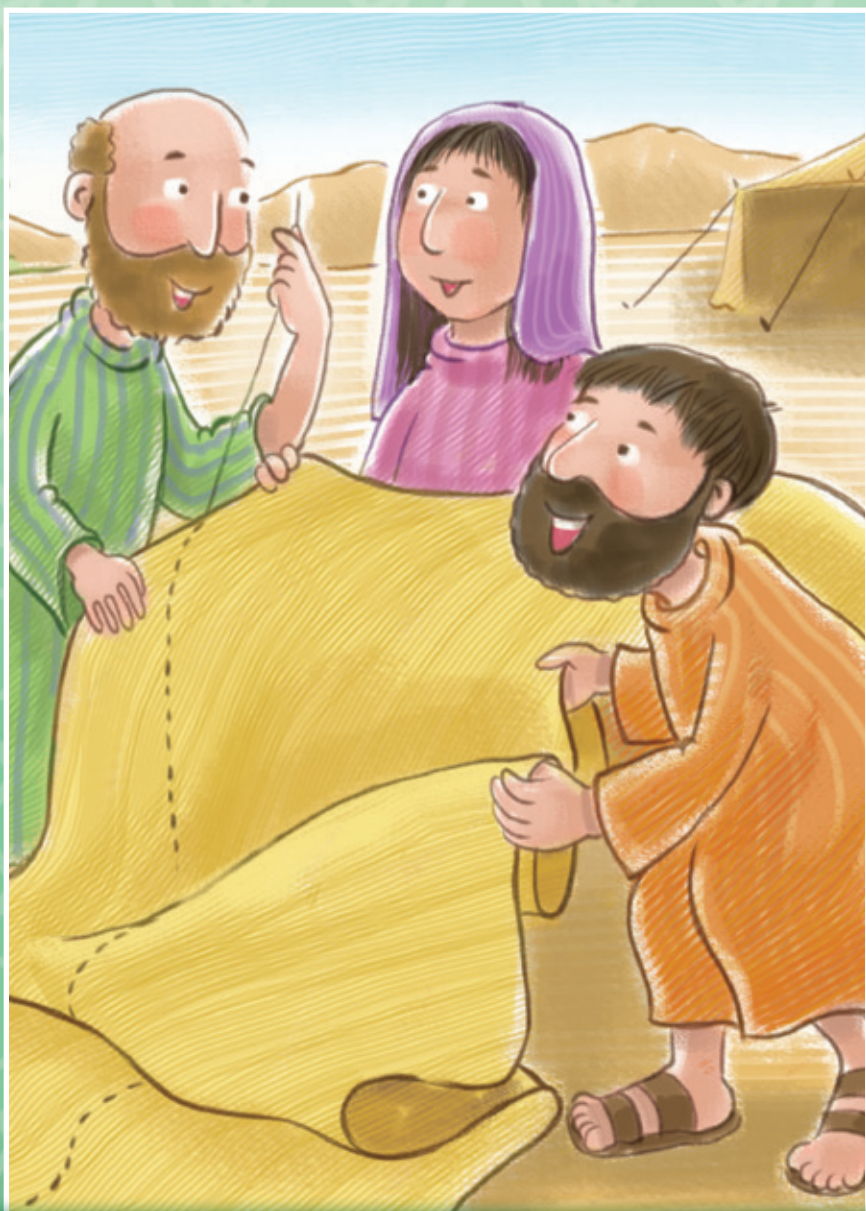
soon the Jewish people found Paul again and took him to the town's leader, Gallio. Have kids pretend they're being dragged somewhere. **Gallio said Paul did no wrong, so he threw the Jewish people out of court.** Bang a *Kaboom Stick* like a gavel.

ASK: **Paul had lots of help from friends as he taught about Jesus everywhere he went. What's one way a friend can help you obey God?**

Paul's dream helped him not be scared. What's one way you can help a friend obey God this week?

SAY: **Sometimes obeying isn't fun. For Paul, it was scary! When that happens, it's good to have friends who help us remember to obey God no matter what. And ➔ WE HELP OUR FRIENDS OBEY GOD. TOO.**





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Play It!

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Hand out paper, and have each child make three large paper wads. Choose one child to be Paul. Have everyone else line up side by side about 10 feet from Paul. Make sure kids know each other's names.

SAY: Paul had a lot of friends to help him obey God. Let's play a game to gather our friends here together.

Paul will start by calling someone over, saying, "1, 2, 3, send _____ to me," calling one of our friends over. Have Paul call someone over.

Now start throwing paper wads, one person at a time, and try to hit Paul. If you're a friend Paul called over, help him by blocking the paper wads with your hands. Paul and friends, try not to get hit anywhere except your hands.

Have kids play. Each time Paul or a friend blocks the paper with his or her hands or ducks out of the way so no one gets hit, Paul can call another friend over to help block the papers. Whenever a child blocking the paper

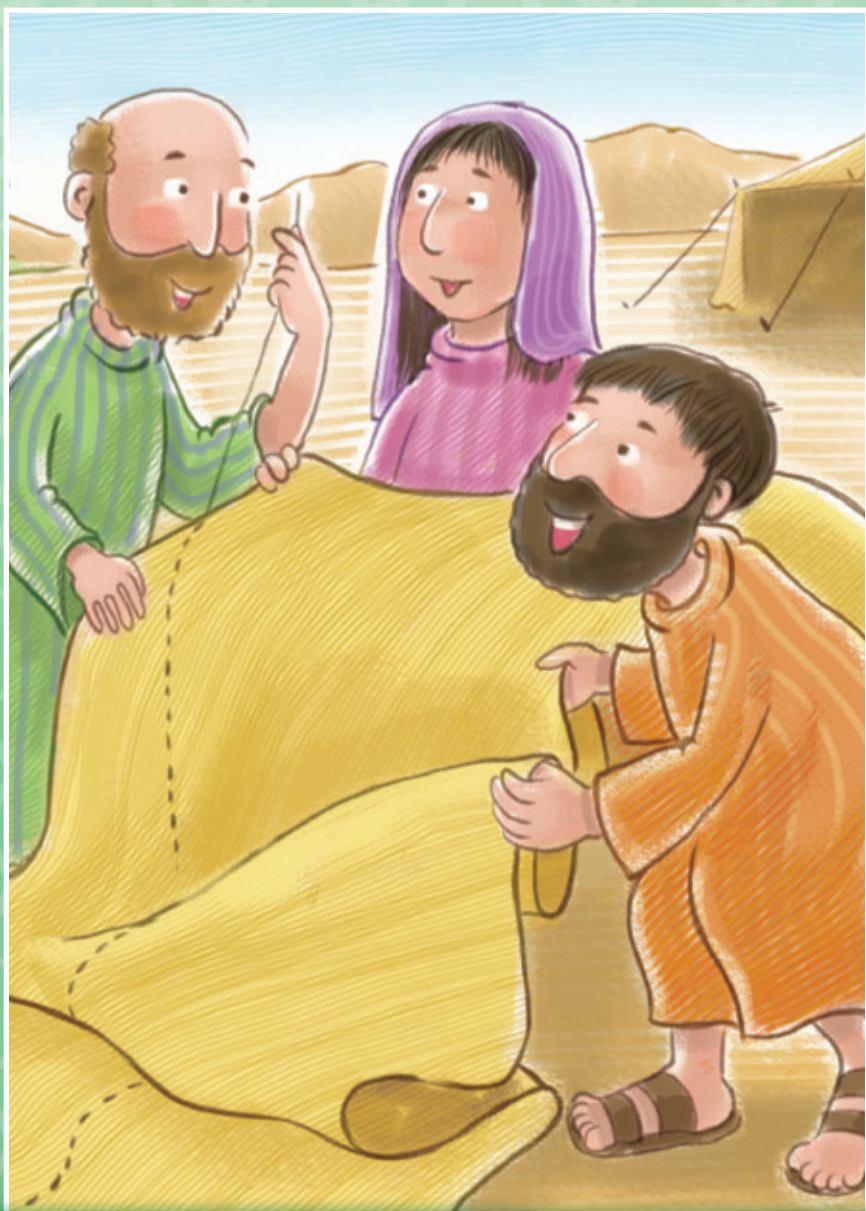
gets hit, the child must go back. If Paul is hit, he must send one friend back to the other side.

Play until everyone is on Paul's side. Repeat if you have time, switching roles.

ASK: In our game you worked with Paul to make sure he didn't get hit with a paper ball. Explain whether you prefer to do things with friends or alone.

What's something you can do this week to help someone else obey God?

SAY: Sometimes we like to spend time alone, and that's okay. But it's important to have good friends who can help you obey God! Paul had friends to help him, and ➡ WE HELP OUR FRIENDS OBEY GOD. TOO.



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Sing It!

POINT ➡ **WE HELP OUR FRIENDS OBEY GOD.**

SAY: Let's sing a song and march around the room. We'll pretend that we're going to tell everyone we know about Jesus. Lead children in singing ● "Tell All Your Friends and Mine" (track 11) on the **CD** to the tune of "This Little Light of Mine."

SING:

Tell all your friends and mine (use hands to make talking "mouths"),
Share Jesus all the time. (Hold out arms.)

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Share Jesus all the time. (Hold out arms.)

Tell all your friends and mine (use hands to make talking "mouths"),
Share Jesus all the time. (Hold out arms.)

All the time, all the time, all the time! (Spin in a circle.)

Tell everyone you know (use hands to make talking "mouths"),
Share Jesus all the time. (Hold out arms.)

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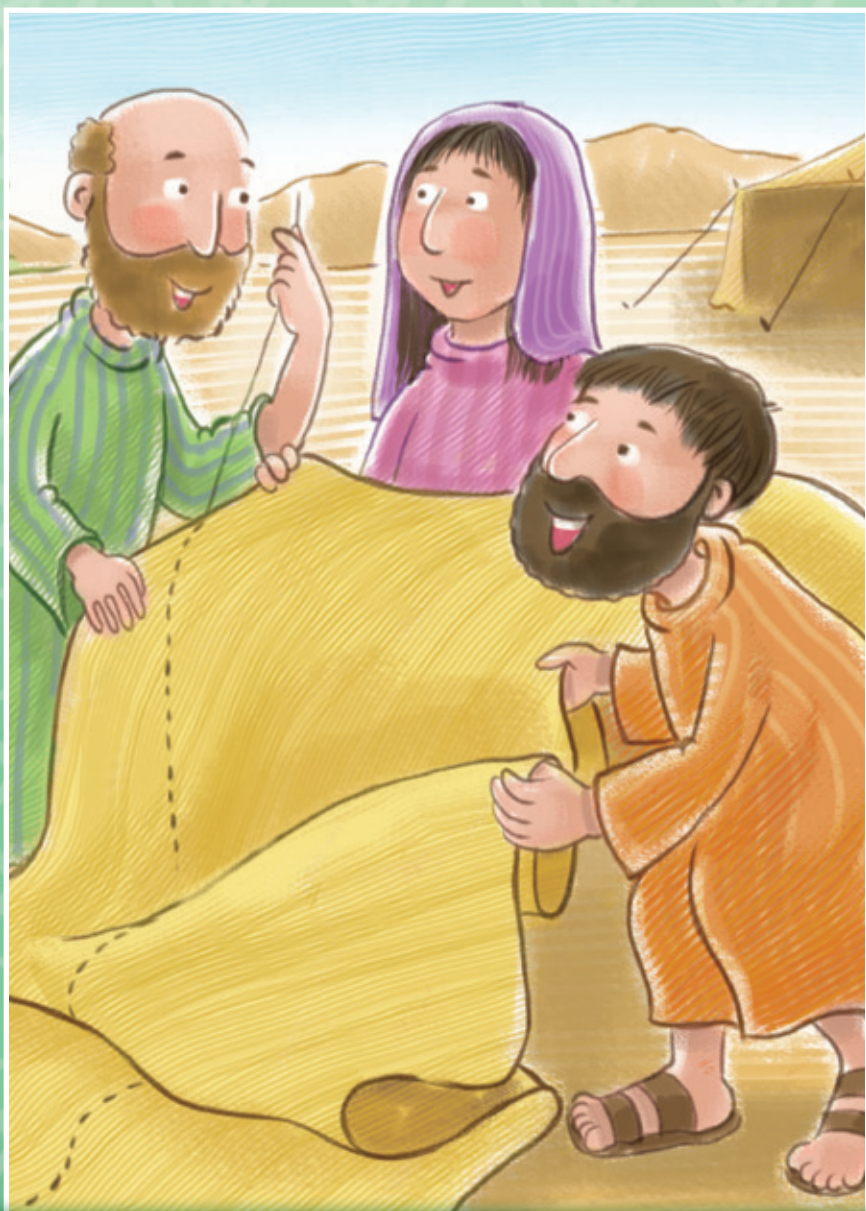
All the time, all the time, all the time! (Spin in a circle.)

(Repeat from the beginning.)

ASK: **Tell about a time you told someone about Jesus.**

What can you tell someone about Jesus this week?

SAY: Paul traveled all around telling everyone he knew about Jesus. It was important that he had good friends like Priscilla and Aquila to help him obey God. And like Priscilla and Aquila, ➡ **WE HELP OUR FRIENDS OBEY GOD.**



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Make It!

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Give each child a piece of paper and crayons, and have kids decorate their papers however they'd like. Have kids make tents from their papers by folding them in half. Then tell kids to pretend they're camping and it's starting to rain. Ask them to "climb into" their tents by holding them over their heads.

SAY: These tents don't offer us much protection from the rain. They wouldn't give us a comfy place to sleep outdoors either. Let's see if we can do something about that.

Give each child a few pieces of tape. If your group is small, also give each child a few more pieces of paper. Help kids assemble their pieces of paper into one big piece of paper. Have kids work together to hold up the big piece of paper and stand under it all together.

SAY: I think our new tent is a little bit better. Let's test it and see!

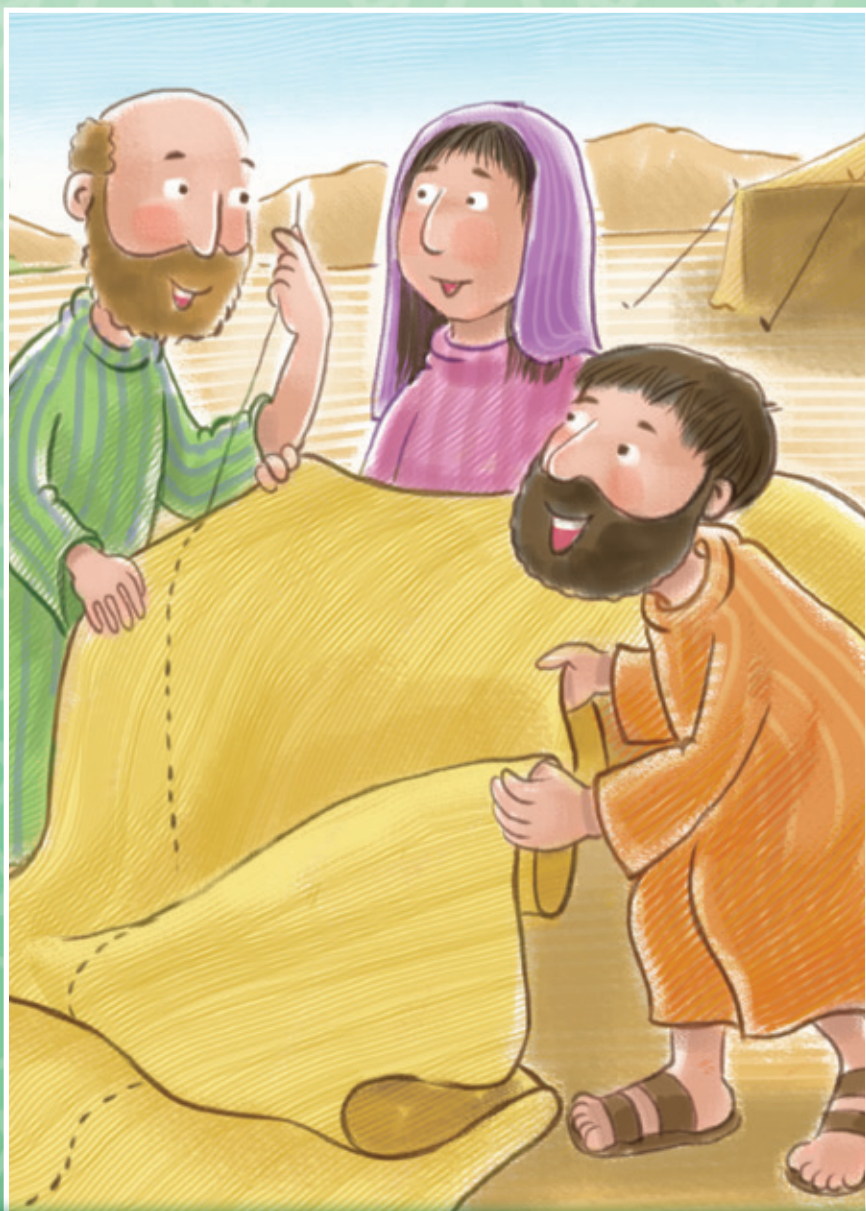
Crumple up a piece of paper and toss it at the tent a few times to let the kids see if the tent will keep them from getting hit.

SAY: The Bible tells us that Paul was a tentmaker. His friends, Priscilla and Aquila, were tentmakers, too. When Paul was in their town, his friends Priscilla and Aquila let him work and live with them. Together they could make more tents and Paul could earn money so he could travel and tell people about Jesus. When friends work together, they help each other obey God.

ASK: What happened when we worked together to make one big tent?

What's a way you can help your friends?

SAY: Priscilla and Aquila helped Paul make tents, and that helped him do more work for God. When we help our friends however we can, ➡ WE HELP OUR FRIENDS OBEY GOD, TOO.



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Roll It!

POINT ➡ **WE HELP OUR FRIENDS OBEY GOD.**

SAY: When Paul lived in Corinth, he needed a place to live, a job, and friends. Priscilla and Aquila provided these things for him. Let's play a game to discover some ways we can help our friends.

Let kids take turns rolling the *Question Cube*. Have kids pair up to answer the question that starts with the word they roll. Let them switch pairs for each new question.

- *Who* can you be a good friend to?
- *What* do your friends need?
- *Where* do you help your friends?
- *Why* is it important to help our friends obey God?
- *When* can we help our friends?
- *How* do you help your friends?

SAY: Just by talking with each other about ways to help friends is helping friends obey God! You just helped your friends. ➡ **WE HELP OUR FRIENDS OBEY GOD** because

we know it's the best way to live. God loves us and wants what's best for us, and we can help our friends know that.