

PAUL ENCOURAGED CHURCH FRIENDS

Ephesians 1–6

Text Truth: God wants people to live like Jesus.



BIBLE STORY NUGGETS

- Paul helped church friends know what to do.
- Paul said, “Love and help one another.”
- Paul said do the things Jesus did.

PARENTS,

This week at church, your baby or toddler heard another Bible story about Paul. Paul wrote a letter to the church in Ephesus and reminded the people that God wanted them to live like Jesus.

At home this week, be aware of times to model appropriate attitudes and actions that help your child learn what it means to be like Jesus. Be kind, show love, care for the needs of others, and worship God.

**TODDLERS
BIBLE STORY**

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Everywhere he went, Paul preached to the people about Jesus. Many people were glad to hear what Paul said. Others got angry and tried to stop Paul.

Paul wrote a letter to church friends in the city of Ephesus. Paul wanted to help the church friends keep on doing good works and teaching.

Paul had important things to tell the people about church. Paul said, “Get along with one another. God wants all of you to work together in the church. Be ready to help anyone in need. Learn more about God and how you can live like Jesus.”

Paul prayed for his friends in the Ephesian church. Paul said, “Love one another. Sing and make music from your heart to God. Give thanks to God for everything.”

Paul asked the church friends to pray for him.

FAMILY ADVENTURE LOOK FOR PEOPLE

Take your baby for a stroller ride outdoors in your neighborhood or a park. Take a Bible and this card with you. As you walk, note people who are helping and showing kindness. Say: “People are helping. God wants us to help others. That is what Jesus did. We can be like Jesus.”

Show your baby the picture on this card and say: “Paul told some church friends to be like Jesus.”

FAMILY ADVENTURE MAKE A BIBLE MARKER

Give your toddler a wide strip of heavy paper to make a Bible marker. Write the words *Be like Jesus. Ephesians 4:15* on the strip. Supply crayons and colorful stickers for your child to use as she decorates the marker.

Read the words to your child. Say: “These are words Paul wrote in his letter to church friends. God wants us to live like Jesus.” Help your toddler put the marker in her Bible at the verse reference.