LESSON 24

PAUL IN ROME



Aim: **To teach the children that, even when Paul was in prison, he continued to serve God by sharing the Gospel and by caring for other Christians.**

Scripture Reading: **Acts 28:16-30; Philippians 1:12-13; 2 Timothy 4:9-18**

Memory Verse: **Philippians 4:13**
I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Presenting the Lesson

Starting point

Even a small cut on your hand makes it difficult for you to write or do your tasks. You are handicapped and can't do your work until it is healed.

Main Points of the Lesson

1. **Show Picture 24.** Do you have an idea what it must be like to be a prisoner? It must be terrible not to be free to move about.
   You would have thought that Paul would stop talking about Jesus Christ, now that he had ended up a prisoner in Rome because of his faith. He did not, though! Even though he was guarded very closely, Paul kept on talking about Jesus. He used the opportunity to witness to the emperor's guards. Many soldiers had to take turns guarding Paul, and they all heard about Jesus. Some of them became Christians (Phil 1:12-13).
2. Paul was not in prison, but under house arrest. Therefore he could receive visitors (Acts 28:16). Many visitors came to see Paul – Jews as well as Gentiles. Some accepted the Gospel. Others rejected it (28:23-24, 30-31).
3. Paul also wrote letters from prison to the Christian churches. The Bible books Ephesians, Colossians, Philippians, Philemon, 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus are all letters Paul wrote while he was a prisoner in Rome. Today, these writings are very important to Christians all over the world.
4. Paul suffered many hardships for the sake of the Gospel, but he experienced for himself that nothing can separate us from the love of the Lord. **Let the whole class repeat the memory verse for Lesson 23.** After Paul had spent about two years under house arrest in Rome, the Christians were persecuted. Paul was one of those who lost their lives. As a faithful servant of God, he knew he would live for ever with his Lord Jesus.

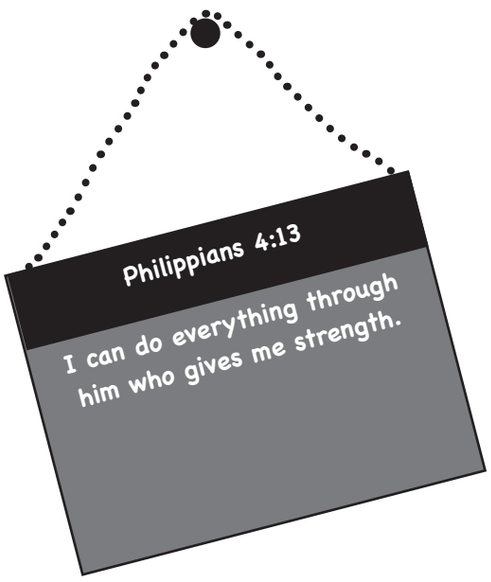
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Our Response to the Story

Everybody who accepts the Lord Jesus as his or her Saviour, who serves God faithfully in the power of the Holy Spirit, receives the gift of eternal life and can rejoice in all circumstances, like Paul.

Instil the Memory Verse



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