

# July 22, 2018 God's Plan for Paul

**Bible Story Focus:** Paul Made Much of Jesus  
Colossians 1:15-2:3

**Key Passage:** Philippians 1:21

**Main Point:** God is always with us.

## **Story Time**

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some kids (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

### **What You Do: Introduce the story**

While Paul was in jail, he wrote letters to churches. One church in Colossae had a problem. Some people had been teaching things about Jesus that were not true. The church in Colossae was confused about who Jesus is. Paul wrote, "Jesus is God the Son. He shows us what God is like. Jesus made everything in heaven and earth. All things were made through Him and for Him. He is also the head of the church, since He died on the cross and came back to life. Jesus is powerful because He is God the Son. Only Jesus could forgive people from their wrong choices. I want you to understand God's love for you in Jesus. God's plan is all about Jesus."

### **PLAY BIBLE STORY VIDEO**

Check diapers and serve snack.

## **Craft Time**

Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

### 1. SING SONGS ABOUT JESUS

What you do: Sing songs about Jesus, such as "Jesus Loves Me," "Oh, How I Love Jesus," and "Jesus Is All the World to Me." If you are not familiar with these songs, check them out online before class.

What you SAY: Paul had a lot to say about Jesus! Jesus shows us what God is like. GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US, and God's plan is all about Jesus!

## 2. PLAY DOUGH

What you need: Play dough, cookie cutters, and play dough utensils for toddlers to make things that God created. As toddlers play, briefly review the Bible story.

What you SAY: Paul's friends in Colossae were confused. Paul said that Jesus made everything. **GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US**, and Jesus shows us what God is like. God's plan is all about Jesus.