



LIVING AS PART OF

GOD'S
TEAM

P-6 KIDS CHURCH CURRICULUM

(Simple Message Statement)

By the end of kids church kids should:

1. Saved to serve

Philippians 1:1-11

Acts 16:16-34

Understand God's good news changes people (from enemies to followers).

Realise that God uses his followers to tell his good news to others (saved to serve).

Recognise God keeps working in the hearts of his followers to change them to be more like Jesus (saved to serve).

2. Unstoppable

Victory

Philippians 1:12-26

Acts 27-28

Recognise Paul's life was really hard but he never stopped trusting Jesus and telling other people the good news.

Understand Jesus' death and resurrection means while Jesus' followers live they can bravely stand up for him and if they die they get to be with him.

Because Jesus has won, his followers can bravely stand up for him when it's easy and hard.

3. Permanent Players

Philippians 1:27-30

Acts 10

Understand followers of Jesus are part of God's team.

Realise Jesus followers should live in a way that shows it to others.

Acts 16:22-24 - Paul and Silas were in prison and the jailer was told to carefully guard them.

Acts 16:25-34 - God sends an earthquake and the jailer thinks he's failed at this job but Paul and Silas tell him and his family the gospel. This good news changes their hearts → vs33-34.

Phil 1:1-2 - Paul and Timothy write a letter to God's followers in Philippi.

Phil 1:3-8 - Paul thanks God for changing them to be Jesus' followers and that they're sharing his good news.

Phil 1:6 & 9-11 - Paul's prayer for them is that God will keep working in them to change them to be more like Jesus.

Acts 27:1-12 - Paul is arrested and is being taken by ship to Rome.

Acts 27:13-44 - There's a big storm and Paul gets ship wrecked.

Acts 28 - Paul gets bitten by a snake and should die but doesn't. Then he ends up in jail → None of this stops Paul telling God's good news. → Phil 1:21 To live is Christ, to die is gain

Paul wrote the letter to the Philippians while he was in jail in Rome.

Phil 1:12-14 - Paul is in jail because he's standing up for Jesus but even though he's in jail lots of people are hearing about Jesus through him and his friends.

Phil 1:15-20 - Even though people are trying to make life difficult for Paul he knows the most important thing is that people are hearing about the good news of Jesus.

Phil 1:21-26 - Paul knows his life finds all of it's meaning in Jesus. Even though dying would mean he gets to be with Jesus he knows it's important for him to keep telling people about Jesus while he's alive.

Acts 10:1&2 - Cornelius was a Roman Commander who loved God but hadn't heard what Jesus had done for him.

→ *Roman soldiers had to swear allegiance to Caesar*

Acts 10:33-48 - Cornelius heard the great news of what God had done for him through Jesus and he believed.

Phil 1:27 - Live in a way that brings honour to Jesus so people around you know that you follow him.

Phil 1:28-30 - Don't be afraid of those who disagree with you. Sometimes living for Jesus and telling people about him will be hard. Paul found it hard too.



W.1 Saved to Serve

SMS: *(Simple Message Statement)*

All followers of Jesus are saved to serve on God's team.

MEMORY VERSE:

As you deal with one another, you should think and act as Jesus did.

- Philippians 2:5

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

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Note: Outcome in **bold** is most important and for all age groups. Older age groups will be capable of achieving the other outcomes while younger age groups may not.

EVERY CLASS WILL BE DIFFERENT BUT IT IS IMPORTANT WE ALL COMMUNICATE THE SAME SMS.

BIG GROUP TIME

SONGS

THE GOSPEL – *Citizens & Saints*

TELL THE WORLD – *Hillsong Kids*

STORY TIME

Acts 16:16-34

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GROWTH GROUP TIME

ICE BREAKER

If someone rescued you what would you do for them?

DISCUSSION TIME

Key Questions:

1. What happened in the Kids Spot today?
2. What parts of this story do you think people would like or not like? Why?
3. What happened when Paul and Silas told the Philippian jailer the good news?

In the story Paul and Silas were in prison in Philippi. This term we're reading a letter that later on Paul wrote to the church, the Christians, in Philippi.

READ: Philippians 1:1-11

4. What does Paul thank God for (vs3-4)?
5. What is Paul happy about and what does he know God will keep doing (vs5-8)?
6. What else does Paul pray for (9-11)?

These Philippian Christians are on God's team. And God's good news has changed and continues changing them just like it changed the jailer in the kids spot. If we're following Jesus we're on God's team too.

7. So what do you think people on God's team should do?
8. Are you on God's team?
9. Do you think God wants his team to be spreading the good news like the Philippians? Who can you tell the good news to?
10. Who do you know on God's team that we can pray for?

Spend some time praying as a group. See points below.

ACTIVITY SHEETS *(Children complete the Activity Sheets in this time.)*

MIX -IT-UP *(Choose one of the following...these are some ideas)*

- **CRAFT** – Goldfish Saving – Appendix 2.1
- **GAME** – Keep the Courage – Appendix 3.1

SMS *(Simple Meaning Statement: Link discussion back to the SMS.)*

All followers of Jesus are saved to serve on God's team.

PRAYER TIME

Thank God that his good news changes people.

Ask God to keep changing you. Ask God to help you tell people this good news if you're on his team.

Pray for other's on God's team.

CRAFT APPENDIX 2

SMS		Craft
1. Saved to Serve	All followers of Jesus are saved to serve on God's team.	<p>Goldfish Saving: http://en.origami-club.com/fun/gold-fish2/index.html Follow the instructions, using a square piece of paper to create the fish and net (a small piece of paper for the fishes). Write the SMS in the middle of the net. <i>Explain: that the fish is symbolising people being saved and becoming a part of God's team.</i></p> 
2. Unstoppable Victory	Because Jesus has won, his followers can bravely stand up for him when it's easy and hard.	<p>Origami Basketball Hoop : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ef0wk8QoA34 Follow the instructions in the video to achieve this craft by using one A4 size piece of paper per child. Write the SMS on the back of the hoop. <i>Template is optional for this craft.</i> Scrunch up scrap paper to use to throw into the basketball hoop. <i>Explain: sometimes it's hard getting the goal when shooting for the hoop but that doesn't mean we give up.</i></p> 
3. Permanent Players	As Christians we are on God's team, so live in a way that shows this.	<p>Origami Jersey: http://en.origami-club.com/clothes/soccer/index.html Follow the instruction provided in the link, write 'God's Team' across the jersey once completed. Write or stick SMS on jersey too.</p> 

Appendix 3.1

Week 1

Keep the Courage (The Humongous book of Games for Children's Ministry, p.195-196)

Equipment:

Bible, soccer ball, 2 colours of construction/A4 paper, 4 chairs

Preparation:

Mix the coloured paper and scatter the sheets on the playing area. Make goals by placing 2 chairs side by side at either end of the field. If you play indoors, use a foam ball or beach ball and tape the paper to the floor.

How to play:

Tell the kids that Paul and Silas had courage to work together to pass along the news about Jesus. Paul and Silas were locked in a jail and couldn't go anywhere, yet they still told people about God (Acts 16:16-34). Tell the kids they'll play a game of soccer, but in this game, they must not move – kind of like they're in jail. They need to work as a team to pass the ball to one another and score a goal. When the ball is passed, they are to stop the ball and say 1 thing he or she believes about Jesus. Eg. Jesus is the Son of God, Jesus forgives me, Because of Jesus I'll live forever etc then they pass the ball onto another team mate.

Kids form 2 teams and choose a colour for their team. Team members stand on their coloured paper. During the game, at least 1 foot must stay on the paper at all times. You can't slide or move the paper, but can turn or pivot on one foot to move the ball. 1 player from each team is the 'rover' on the outside of the field to go after the ball if it rolls away.

Put the ball in the play area and the game begins. If the ball goes out, kids can move to another piece of team coloured paper. When the ball is back in play they must stay still. When a team scores a goal, everyone is allowed to move to another team paper. Replace paper if torn.

Post-Game Discussions –

What was hard about this game? Why does it take courage to tell others about Jesus? Paul and Silas were locked in jail but still told people about Jesus. What courage!

How did you work as a team to score a goal? As followers of Jesus, we are saved to serve and help one another on God's team. God uses us, his followers, to tell his good news to others. This good news changes people from God's enemies to his followers.



Paul's letter to the church in Philippi is a call to a radical way of thinking about church. Church is not a holiday. It's not a business that exists to meet your needs or to take your money. The church is a community brought together by God through Jesus, united for a purpose. United to stand together. United to advance. United as a team. Not a team made up of highly skilled highly paid professionals. But a team united, inspired and empowered by its captain, Jesus. We are God's Team.

The call to team in Philippians is a call for us to come together, not for our own sake, but for the sake of others. To come together - to give 100% - as we serve God's mission. To think of the people in your church as fellow team mates. To stand united. Paul addresses this letter to the church, together, calling the church to be the church together.

Philippians is one of those letters where English translations can't quite convey everything that is going on. It's loaded with team language and imagery. Importantly when Paul says 'you', in the Greek, he's saying 'youse' or 'y'all'. It's a call to come together to live our lives, not as the home team in our city or our world. A team from another culture, another kingdom. Permanent Players on God's Team.

As we lead the kids entrusted to our care we need to be helping them hear the call. To receive instruction from Jesus, the captain who leads by laying down his life. Together as God's team we need to live like Jesus lived, so that we might share in the victory he has already secured. Our captain has already won. The question we need to ask our kids is, will you join God's Team?

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-Philippians 2:5

