

Acts 22

Paul's Defense

Scripture: Acts 22

Memory Verse: 1 Peter 3:15b “...always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear”

Lesson Focus: We finished Acts 21 last week on a bit of a cliffhanger as Paul was dragged out of the temple by an angry mob, arrested by the Romans, and then about to begin a speech before the angry crowd. In this chapter, Paul gives this speech which is his defense before the hostile crowd. In this defense he goes onto share his salvation story where he met Jesus Himself on the road to Damascus and was radically changed. Since we taught the kids through this already back in Acts 9, today we will watch a Superbook video which gives them another account of the same story. *

Teachers: Please inform parents as they are dropping off their kids that they will be watching a cartoon video. While the video does not have any really intense moments in it, overly sensitive kids might get excited. If they have any concerns, they may want to keep their kids with them in the main sanctuary. If you'd like to preview the lesson, you can find it on Rightnow Media [here](#).

Schedule:

- 1) Please bring kids into the main sanctuary as usual 10-15 minutes after service starts.
- 2) After our normal worship, I will introduce the video with some background information. *
- 3) Sit down with the kids and watch the video with them (about 25 minutes).
- 4) We will dismiss the kids back to their rooms where we will provide follow-up small group activities.

Room Time Afterwards: We will have a coloring page and a word maze available for the lesson. Also see discussion questions below for your reference.

- 1st-2nd graders: There will also be a “D-Fence” craft that we would encourage you to do with the kids.
- 3rd-5th graders: Please process and digest the video with the kids in the classroom. You can use the discussion Qs below or feel free to come up with your own Qs.

Discussion Qs

- 1) Paul gives a defense of his faith in Acts 22. **Read 1 Peter 3:15**. What does it mean to give a defense of the hope that is within us? Who is expected to be able to give a defense?
- 2) **Read Acts 22:4**. How did Paul describe himself before he became a Christian?
- 3) Who even died at the hands of Paul before he became a follower of Jesus? **Read Acts 22:20**.
- 4) **Read Acts 22:6-8**. What happened to Paul on the road to Damascus?
- 5) Does it seem crazy that God would not only forgive, but even use a man like Paul who was involved in murder?
- 6) Paul was radically changed. Read **2 Corinthians 5:17**. How does this describe what happened to Paul?
- 7) Read **Galatians 1:10**. What is Paul's main point about the gospel in this verse?
- 8) Why do YOU believe and trust in Jesus? Your answer to this question is YOUR defense! **Teachers:** Consider giving your defense to the kids! Have some discussion over how, as they grow up, it is important for them to not only own their faith but be able to defend their faith with others! Checkout [this short video](#) for some quick thoughts on this.