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The Invitation

Dad dumped charcoal into the belly of the . Maria stepped back as Dad struck the . *Whoosh!* Flames filled the . Maria was excited. The kids from church would be here any minute.



Maria couldn't wait to  . She couldn't wait to play games. She couldn't wait to sing songs about .

Maria went to the kitchen. She had promised to help Mom prepare the food. The doorbell rang. "I'll get it," Maria said.

"The youth group must be early," Mom said.

by Brian J. Waldrop

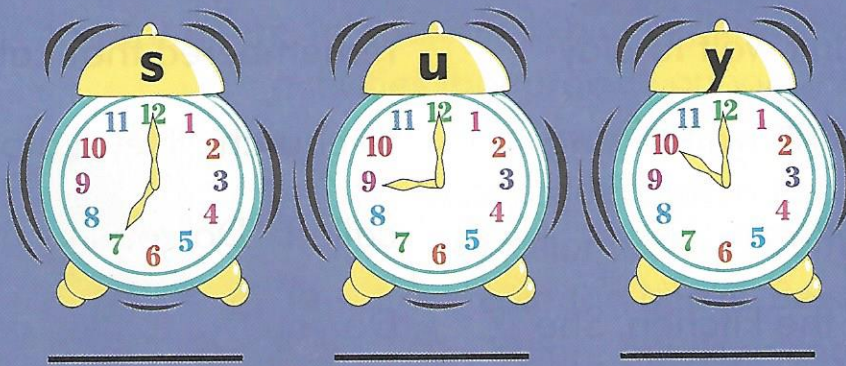
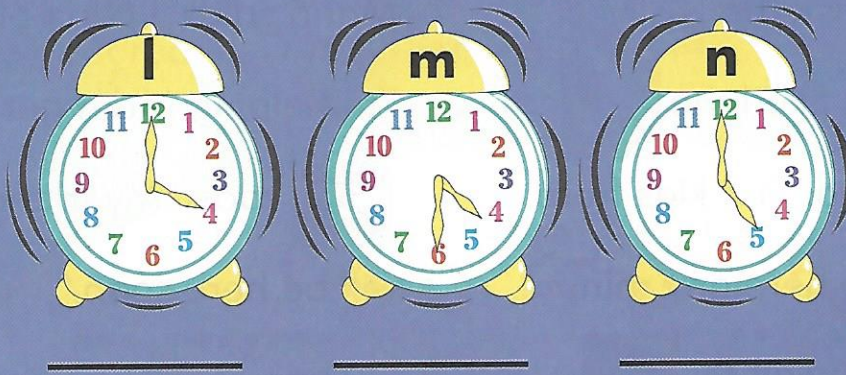
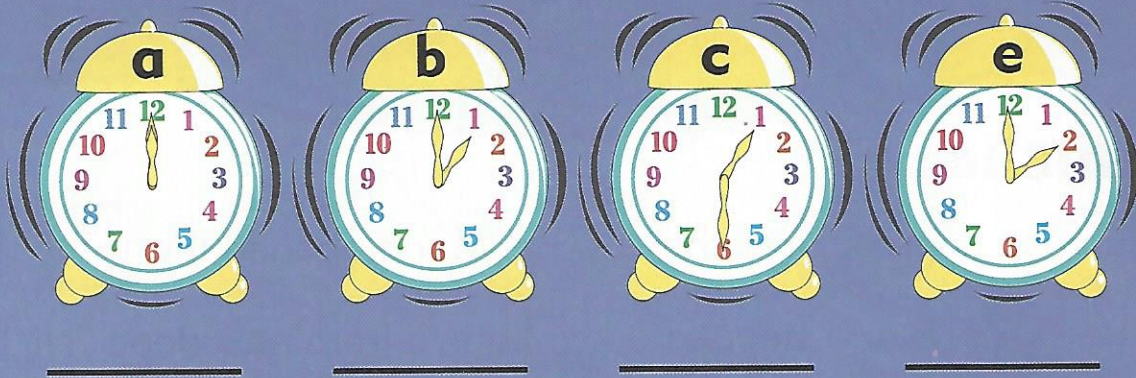
Maria opened the . It was Latoya from next door. "Hi, Latoya," Maria said. "I can't play right now. I'm helping Mom get ready for the  roast. My friends from church will be here soon."

Then Maria got an idea. She remembered that Latoya didn't go to church. "Hey, Latoya," Maria called. "Do you like grilled ? Do you like to play games? Would you like to sing songs about ?"

Latoya said, "Yes! Yes! Yes!"

Maria felt good. She had helped her mom. She had also helped Latoya hear about .

Use the clock code to find out the special message. You can write what time each clock shows on the line below each clock.

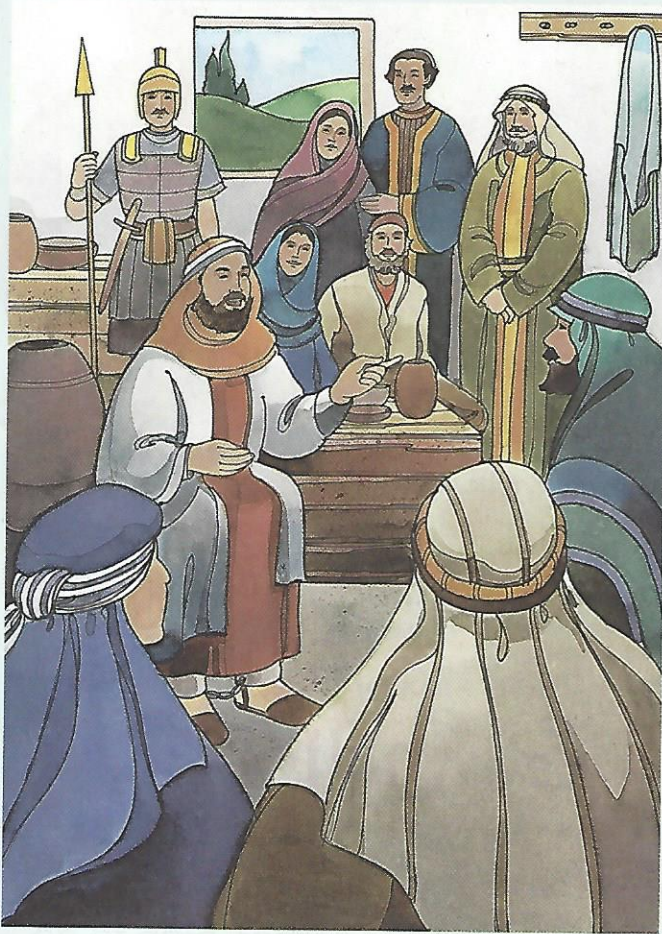


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Paul Tells About Jesus in Rome

Bible story from Acts 28:11-17, 23, 24, 30, 31;
Philippians 1:12, 13



Art by Len Ebert

Paul was sent to Rome to be put on trial. The trouble had started when Paul was telling about Jesus and men shouted lies about him.

Paul finally made it to Rome. He lived in a house for two years. But Paul was still a prisoner. A soldier guarded him as he waited for his trial.

Paul wrote letters to the churches. He taught people about Jesus in the letters.

Every day people came to Paul's house to learn about Jesus. Paul was never afraid to speak to anyone about Jesus.



Say this Bible Memory

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

1 Peter 3:15

Daily Family Devotional Readings

- Sunday Acts 28:11-13
- Monday Acts 28:14, 15
- Tuesday Acts 28:16, 17
- Wednesday Acts 28:23, 24
- Thursday Acts 28:30, 31
- Friday Philippians 1:12-14
- Saturday Ephesians 6:19, 20

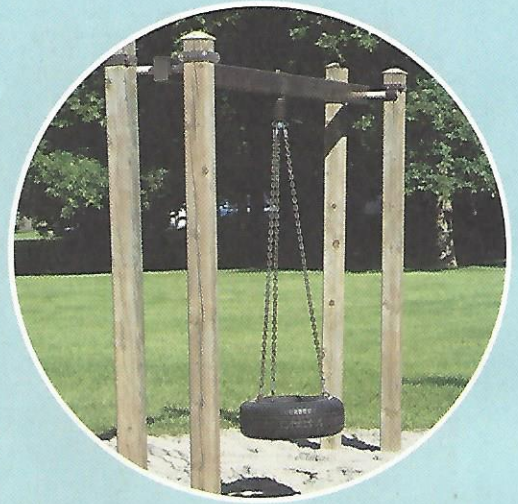
These verses review the Bible story, Paul Tells About Jesus in Rome.



FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES

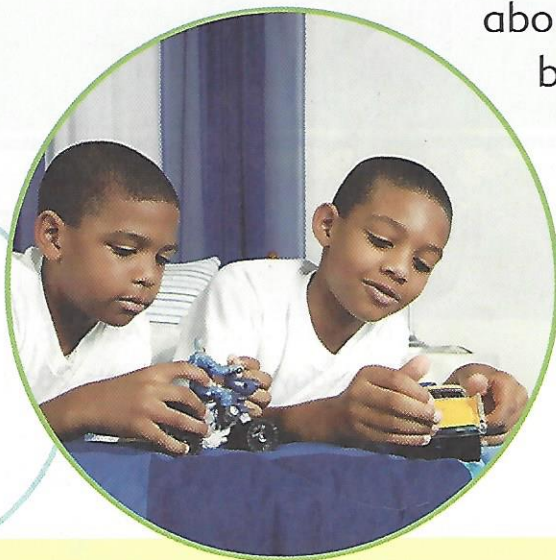
FAMILY OUTING

Your home and neighborhood are good places to tell about Jesus. Take a family walk inside the house. Stop in each room. Discuss ways to tell about Jesus in different rooms. Point out the books, Bible, computer, phone, and pictures that can help you tell about Him. Go outside and walk through your neighborhood. Discuss ways to tell about Jesus in a garden, on a playground, or along a walking path or bike trail.



CARE & SHARE

Plan times to invite friends who don't know about Jesus to your home. In addition to playing together, plan to do activities that provide opportunities for telling about Jesus. Watch a Bible story or faith-based video, listen to a Christian CD, or color pictures from Bible story coloring books. Be sure to pray before meals or snacks and have a family devotion before bedtime.



Answer to the word puzzle inside:
You can tell about Jesus anytime!

Remember, **WE CAN TELL ABOUT JESUS IN EVERYDAY PLACES.**