

## **St George's Family Devotion for Sunday, 21 June, 2020**

Hi, everyone!

This Sunday we're continuing our series, *The Gospel on Trial*, looking at the Apostle Paul's arrest in Jerusalem in Acts 21, and continuing on until his arrival in Rome to be tried by Caesar. Last week we looked at Acts 22 and the speech Paul made before a hostile crowd on the steps of the barracks in Jerusalem. After being taken into custody, Paul was able to speak before the Sanhedrin, and then narrowly avoided being killed in a plot made to assassinate him. Paul was then taken to the nearby city of Caesarea. We're going to take up the story today with Paul being questioned by Felix, the governor of the province in chapter 24 of Acts.

### **For families to do before we catch up on Zoom**

In your families, read together Acts 24:1-24.

In addition to the normal Bible discovery questions which you can find at the end of this pack, older kids and their parents might also like to have a go at answering the questions that can be found on the worksheet provided as part of this pack.

### **Craft Suggestions**

Print off the craft activity provided in today's pack. Younger kids will need you to do the cutting out for them. Use the flaps to retell the story of Acts 24 in your families.

### **Instructions for Zoom Kids Church**

1. After we've all logged on, I'll lead us in a kids talk on Acts 24, and then finish by applying it to myself.
2. Then we'll split up into two groups, using the breakout function on Zoom: younger kids and their parents will share their craft and chat about their answers to the questions they answered as families, while kids in late-primary and early high school and their parents will do a Bible study with Anthea on Acts 24.
3. We'll then finish in our smaller groups by praying for each other.

Looking forward to seeing you all this Sunday, and praying for you as you look at this part of God's Word with each other!

In Christ,

Tristan

Name:

Date:

# Discovery Bible Study

Passage:

## Instructions:

- Pray to start: "Dear God, please teach us from this story. Amen."
- Have two people read the passage through, once each
- Have someone retell the story; act it out as a family, you could draw it in pictures, you could make a show with puppets or toys - whatever you would like. Help each other if you get stuck or miss something.

WHAT DID YOU LEARN  
ABOUT GOD/JESUS?

WHAT DID YOU LEARN ABOUT  
PEOPLE?

WHAT DID YOU LIKE ABOUT  
THIS STORY?

WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD IS  
SAYING TO YOU IN THIS  
STORY?

WHAT WILL YOU DO  
BECAUSE OF THIS STORY?

Who will you share this story with?



## Pray

- **Dear God, thank you:** What are you thankful for this week?
- **Dear God, sorry:** Is there something you are sorry for this week?
- **Dear God, please:** What has been hard this week? What needs are there in our world?

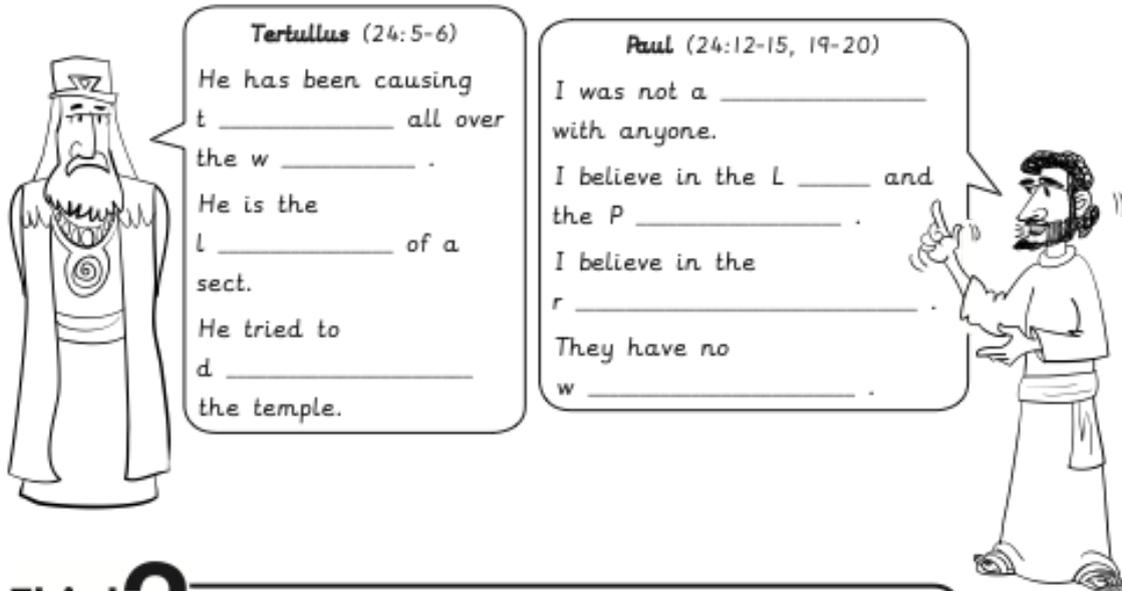
# Felix

The true story can be found in Acts 24:1-27.

## Discover

What was said during Paul's trial before Felix?

Complete the speech bubbles below with Tertullus' attack and Paul's defence.



**Tertullus (24:5-6)**  
He has been causing  
t \_\_\_\_\_ all over  
the w \_\_\_\_\_.  
He is the  
l \_\_\_\_\_ of a  
sect.  
He tried to  
d \_\_\_\_\_  
the temple.

**Paul (24:12-15, 19-20)**  
I was not a \_\_\_\_\_  
with anyone.  
I believe in the L \_\_\_\_\_ and  
the P \_\_\_\_\_.  
I believe in the  
r \_\_\_\_\_.  
They have no  
w \_\_\_\_\_.

## Think Spot

What was so unfair about Paul's situation?  
What power did Felix have over Paul? Did this stop  
Paul from boldly sharing the gospel with him?

What did Paul speak to Felix and Drusilla about? (24:24-26)

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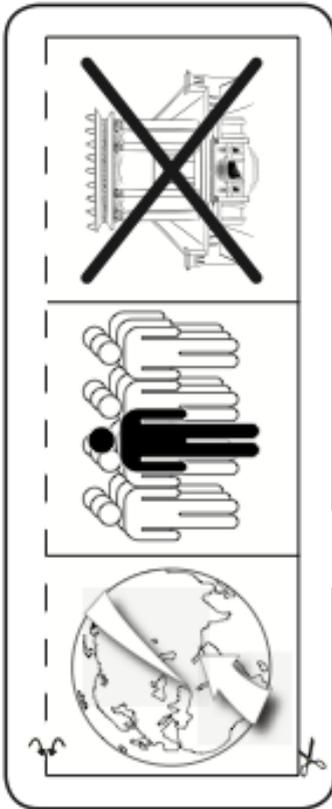
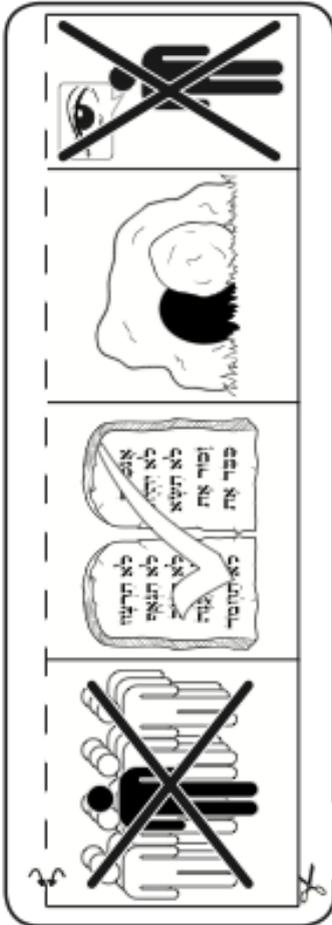
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## Discuss

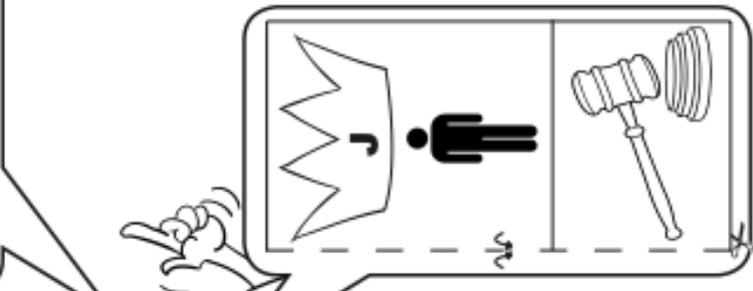
When do you find it difficult to talk about Jesus? With whom do you find hardest to talk to? Why?

Are you ever afraid of what people will think when you talk about Jesus? Do you worry that you might be treated unfairly if you do?

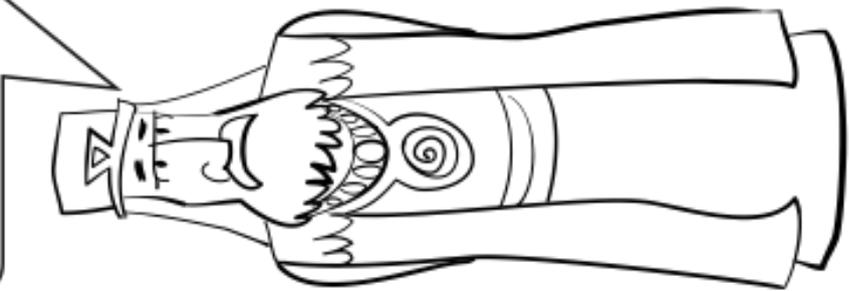
Telling someone the gospel doesn't always lead to them becoming a Christian. Why is it still worth doing? How does Paul's example encourage you to boldly share the gospel anyway?



Lift the flap to see what Felix cared about.



The Jewish leaders hired a lawyer to bring false charges against Paul before Felix.  
Acts 24:1-27





No-one here saw me doing wrong.



We believe in the resurrection.



We obey God's laws.



He is making trouble all over the world.

He leads a group that doesn't keep God's laws.

He doesn't respect the temple.



To be right with God you need to live with Jesus as your king.

Jesus will come to judge the world.

