



6KIDS HOUSE PARTY

PARENT GUIDE

Life App Definition

Faith — trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see

Main Idea

In Acts 17, we see how Paul noticed a statue to an unknown god, as if the people of Athens were covering their bases just in case they missed a god out there. Paul used this to share the truth of Jesus with the people. Regardless of how old someone is, if they have a relationship with Jesus, they can help others know Him.

Memory Verse

"God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift" (Ephesian 2:8 NIRV).

Bottom Line

You can help others know Jesus.

Small-Group Discussion

Review the story and use the following questions to reinforce the lesson learned from the story.

- Where does Paul travel in today's story?
- What did Paul see once he reached Athens?
- How many false gods did the people of Athens believe in?
- Everywhere Paul went, whose story would he tell?
- How did Paul explain the story of Jesus to the people of Athens to help them understand?
- Were there people in Athens who listened to Paul and chose to put their trust in Jesus?
- Can only people who know a lot about Jesus tell others about Him?
- What's one way you could SHOW someone Jesus?
- Can treating someone well help them know Jesus?

Object Lesson

The following activity is intended to help your children apply the lesson that was learned in today's House Party. Complete the activity as a family by following the steps below.

Supplies Needed

- Macaroni noodles or other small pasta pieces or objects (dried beans or beads could also be used)

Activity

- Give each child two pieces of pasta.
- Explain that you will ask a question about today's Bible story.
 - If they think the answer is YES, have them put two pieces of pasta in front of them.
 - If they think the answer is NO, have them put down only one piece.
- Use the questions listed below or add others you come up with.
- After each question, give your children an opportunity to explain their choice and share what they remember from that part of the story.
 - Did Paul ever tell people about Jesus? (Yes)
 - Did everyone Paul tell about Jesus believe in Him? (No)
 - Did Paul and his friends ever have to leave a city because the people didn't want them to tell others about Jesus? (Yes)
 - Does God only love people who believe in Him? (No)
 - Did some of the people in the town of Athens worship statues of animals and other things called idols? (Yes)
 - Did Paul tell the people of Athens how to make yummy mac and cheese? (No)
 - Did Paul tell the people of Athens that Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead? (Yes)
 - Did Paul talk about Jesus to a man named Roger Lee Corn-Biscuit? (No)
 - Did Paul talk about Jesus to a man named Dionysius? (Yes)
 - Did Dionysius become a Jesus-follower? (Yes)
 - Do we tell people about Jesus to help them smell better? (No)
 - Are there people you can tell about Jesus? (Yes)
- Using about 12 more pieces of pasta each, direct your children to create shapes as you describe them.
- Instruct your children to use their pieces of pasta to make the shape of a stick person. (Demonstrate as needed, then continue as they work.)
- Share with them that the Bible tells us that God loves all people everywhere. That means EVERYONE—short, tall, large, or small. God

made each person who lives, and He wants all of us to know how to be His friend forever. That's why He sent His Son, Jesus, to the earth.

- Now instruct the children to rearrange their pasta pieces to make the shape of a cross. (Demonstrate as needed, then continue as they work.)
- Share with them that Jesus came to earth long ago and showed us how to know and follow God. When He died on the cross, He took the punishment we deserve for all the bad things we have done. He didn't stay dead, though. He came back to life and lives in heaven with God.
- Finally, instruct them to rearrange their pasta pieces into the shape of a heart. (Demonstrate as needed, then continue as kids work.)
- Ask your children, "Who do you know that can tell about God's love and share the story of Jesus?"
- Tell them to remember that **they can help others know Jesus** even if it is just by becoming their friend and showing God's love to them.

Prayer

Take a moment and pray with your children. Thank God for sending Jesus, and ask Him to help all of you share Jesus with those you know.

Dear God,

Thank You for sending Jesus! We are so thankful that You are not an unknown God to us. You've given us Your Word and You sent Jesus. We want everyone around us to know just how much You love them too. Give us the courage like Paul to tell others about You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.