



HOUSE PARTY

PARENT GUIDE

July 19

Life App Definition

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

Main Idea

Paul was on his way to Rome to stand trial, but he and the entire crew were shipwrecked on the journey. This was a major setback, but Paul knew he could trust God. Life will not always be easy. Thankfully, when we have a relationship with Jesus, we don't have to go through problems on our own. Jesus can change the way we see our problems. He can turn them into situations where we find God's peace that passes all understanding.

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" (Ephesians 2:8 NIRV).

Bottom Line

Knowing Jesus changes the way you see your problems.

Small-Group Discussion

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

- Why was Paul in prison?
- What did the Lord tell Paul in prison?
- What happened to the wind as they began to set sail?
- Who came to encourage Paul and help him understand God's plan?
- What did Paul tell the men who tried to leave the ship in lifeboats?
- What happened to the ship as it began to reach the shore?
- What bit Paul as he was sitting by the fire?
- Paul faced a lot of problems, but what gave him the confidence and peace he needed to persevere through his problems?
- When have you seen something good come out of something bad?
- How can knowing Jesus change the way you see or how you feel about things in your life?
- **Make it personal** by sharing a time when knowing Jesus changed your perspective on something difficult in your life. Make sure you point out that it didn't take away the pain altogether, but that it just gave you a different viewpoint, hope, and perspective.

Object Lesson

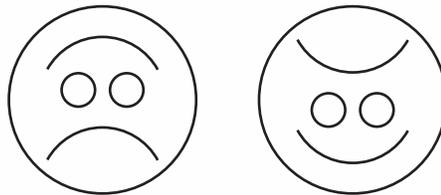
The following activity is intended to help your children apply the lesson that was learned in today's House Party. Complete the activity as a family by following the steps below.

Supplies Needed

- Paper
- Markers

Activity

- Give your children a piece of paper and a marker.
- Show them how to draw a reversible smiley face as shown below.



- Lead your children in the following conversation.
- Ask kids to turn their cards to the sad face. Then ask them if problems happen to us. Tell them that problems do happen, and we all face problems.
- Ask them to share some problems we might have.
- Share with them that our feelings can get hurt; we or someone we love might get sick; something can happen that makes us sad, mad, or confused. Other times we might feel upset, but we're not sure why.
- Tell your children that we can always talk to God and He will understand. Remind them that God loves us and will help us. He has good plans and will work them out through even our toughest problems. So, don't forget—**knowing Jesus changes the way you see your problems.**

Prayer

Take a moment and pray with your children. Pray about the problems they listed above, and then ask God to help us remember that He is always with us.

Dear God,

We love You. Thank You for Jesus! Help us to follow Him this week, and remind us that You are with us always. When things are great and when things aren't so great, we know we can put our faith and trust in You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.