



VOLUME 12 SUGGESTED THEMES

Unit 34: The Church on Mission

What is our mission as Christians? Our mission is to make disciples of all nations by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Theme Idea: Podcast Studio: This unit is about the good news of the gospel and the lengths that Paul went to share it. Podcasts are a great way to share information with lots of people. Decorate for this theme using a table, a couple of stools or chairs, pretend microphones and headphones, and a sign with the name for your show.

- Session 1: The co-hosts are discussing a silly question in a very serious manner. Some question examples include: *Is chocolate better than vanilla?* or *What is the best season?* Tie this to the important question that the church leaders asked in today's Bible story.
- Session 2: Today the hosts bring on a special guest for an interview. This person witnessed something amazing and is here to share about it. Connect this to the amazing events that Paul and Silas were apart of in this week's Bible text.
- Session 3: This week, the podcast is being recorded on location. Adjust the set to make it clear that they are no longer in the studio. Tie this to how Paul spent time traveling to and visiting with churches in Asia.
- Session 4: This episode focuses on teaching the audience how to do something. It could be anything, such as how to do a cartwheel, how to cook a certain dish, or how to record a podcast. Connect this with how Paul taught Christians to follow Jesus' example.



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Unit 35: Paul's Mission to Rome

Why should we praise Jesus? We should praise Jesus for what He has done to provide our salvation and because He will one day make all things right.

Theme Idea: Ropes Adventure Course: We're reaching new heights in this unit! We'll be traversing a high ropes adventure course as a way to help kids learn about Paul's mission to Rome. Decorate for this theme using rope, wooden pallets on the ground to act as platforms, and fake trees or plants.

- Session 1: The team members arrive at the course and are given a rundown of the safety rules and asked to sign a waiver to show that they are aware of the potential danger. Tie this to Agabus making Paul aware of the danger that lie ahead through his message.
- Session 2: The team makes it through the first obstacle but is immediately met with the second. They have to choose to be courageous. Connect this with the encouragement God gives to Paul during this week's Bible text.
- Session 3: One of the team members is getting frustrated with the harness and helmet. Another member reminds him that they are for his safety. Tie this to Paul remaining imprisoned but being transported to Caesarea for safety.
- Session 4: The next obstacle is to cross a small pond in a rowboat. Use this to talk about the shipwreck Paul experienced.
- Session 5: One of the team members has a map and keeps pointing out the correct way to go, but the rest of the group is not listening. They want to go the opposite direction. Connect this to Paul's persistence to share the gospel, regardless of opposition.
- Session 6: It's the end of the course. They debrief and spend time talking about what they learned. Connect this to how Paul wrote to the church at Thessalonica so they could learn how to live as God intended.



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Unit 36: The Church's Hope

What is the hope of the church? The church looks forward to Jesus' return when He will make all things new.

Theme Idea: Parade: We have reached Revelation and it's time to celebrate! We'll be planning a parade during this unit. Decorate for this theme using balloons, banners, and streamers.

- Session 1: It's the first meeting of the parade committee. The leader is giving them a grand vision for what he has planned. Connect this to the vision that God gave John.
- Session 2: Today it is revealed that the parade will celebrate a local hero who is returning home. The committee is making plans for the best way to honor her. Tie this to the truth that Jesus will return and defeat evil once and for all.
- Session 3: It is the day after the parade. It went perfectly and everyone enjoyed it so much! But now people are a little disappointed, because they don't have the parade to look forward to anymore. Use this to explain that the things of this earth, even exciting events like parades, pale in comparison to what awaits us in the new heaven and new earth!