

PARENT GUIDE

Year 2- Week 18

Paul and the Early Church

What We Covered

Take Away Point: God used Paul to spread the Gospel, and gives us spiritual gifts to serve His Church.

Key Verse: Acts 1:8: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth"

Why We Talked About It

This was the first design for the church and the Christian life. God calls us all to live with love and joy, just like the early church.

Catechism Connection

The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What You Can Do

Read and Discuss

- 1 Corinthians 12:4–11
 - What is something you've seen God change in someone's life?
 - What spiritual gift do you think God has given you?
 - What's a gift or strength God has given you?
 - How can we encourage each other to use our gifts for God?

Challenge: Each student wrote or sketched one of their spiritual gifts and how they'll use it this week. Ask them about their gift.

Memory Word: Spiritual Gifts

Definition: Abilities given by the Holy Spirit to build up the Church and serve others.

Watch Together

Watch Bible Project's [“The Apostle Paul: Acts 8-12”](#) (YouTube or BibleProject.com)

Talk about how the Holy Spirit equips people in the early church—and now.