



THE ADVENTURES OF PAUL

Aquila and Priscilla

Supplies Needed: none



TEACHING INSTRUCTIONS

Read Acts 18:1-4 and 24-26 together. Read it to the children or have them take turns reading. (See student handout)

Say, “Aquila and Priscilla served God as a powerful team. They were forced out of Italy because the emperor of Rome threw out all the Jews, but they met Paul in Corinth and became close friends with him. They all worked together as tentmakers. Eighteen months later, Paul traveled to Ephesus and took Priscilla and Aquila with him. In Ephesus, they met a believer named Apollos who was a powerful teacher but didn’t know the whole story about Jesus. They took him aside and explained things about Jesus to him, and then he continued teaching. When we work as a team and use our gifts for the Lord, we make a big impact for His Kingdom. Let’s discuss some more interesting points about this story.”



Read the “Did You Know?” points together. Read it to the children or have them take turns. Help the children look up the Scriptures mentioned. For added fun, have them say “amen!” when they find it. (See student handout)

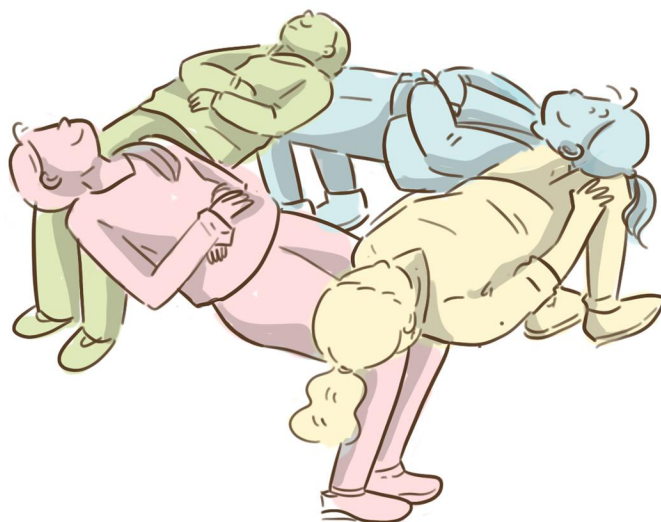
Say, “Aquila and Priscilla are never mentioned apart from each other. They are a good example of God’s design for marriage, “the two shall become one flesh (Genesis 2:24).” They are still individuals, but also joined together as a unit that can never be broken. This is a beautiful picture of Christ and the Church (Ephesians 5:22-32). We are united to Jesus, and never have to be apart from Him. This is the most important unity, which is why Jesus prayed for our unity to be in Him and the Father (John 17:21-23).”

OBJECT LESSON

Supporting Each Other

Items: None

- ✧ Call up four volunteers. This lesson will require laying on each other, so make sure the volunteers are comfortable with that. It’s best to have all boys or all girls. **Say**, “Psalm 133 talks about how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity, and Ecclesiastes 4:9 says, ‘Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor.’ Uniting with our brothers and sisters in Christ is important. Priscilla and Aquila united with Paul and they supported each other, which led to many blessings and the spread of the Gospel. We can unite with each other in the same way and do wonderful things for God. To illustrate this, our four volunteers are going to do something amazing. They’re going to lay down without touching the floor.” Show the picture in this lesson to the volunteers and tell them to copy the shape. Once they are successfully in place, **say**, “They’re laying down without touching the ground!”



GAMES



Fast Pretzel Rising

We can work together to lift up the Name of Jesus! Split your group evenly into two teams. Have each team sit cross-legged on the floor in a circle and interlock their arms with the team members to their right and left. On the count of three, each team will try to stand while keeping their arms interlocked. The first team to stand successfully wins. You can remix the teams and play again.

** Optional Memory Verse Game **

The “Who” Game-Psalm 133:1

Have everyone sit in a circle. Call out different descriptions, like: “Who likes basketball?” “Who has a birthday this month?” “Who is wearing red?” Each time you call out, everyone who fits that description stands and says the verse together.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



1

Where did Aquila and Priscilla meet Paul?

2

How did they work with Paul? How did they work with each other?

3

What are some challenges to working together?
How can we overcome these challenges?

