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PAUL'S JOURNEY

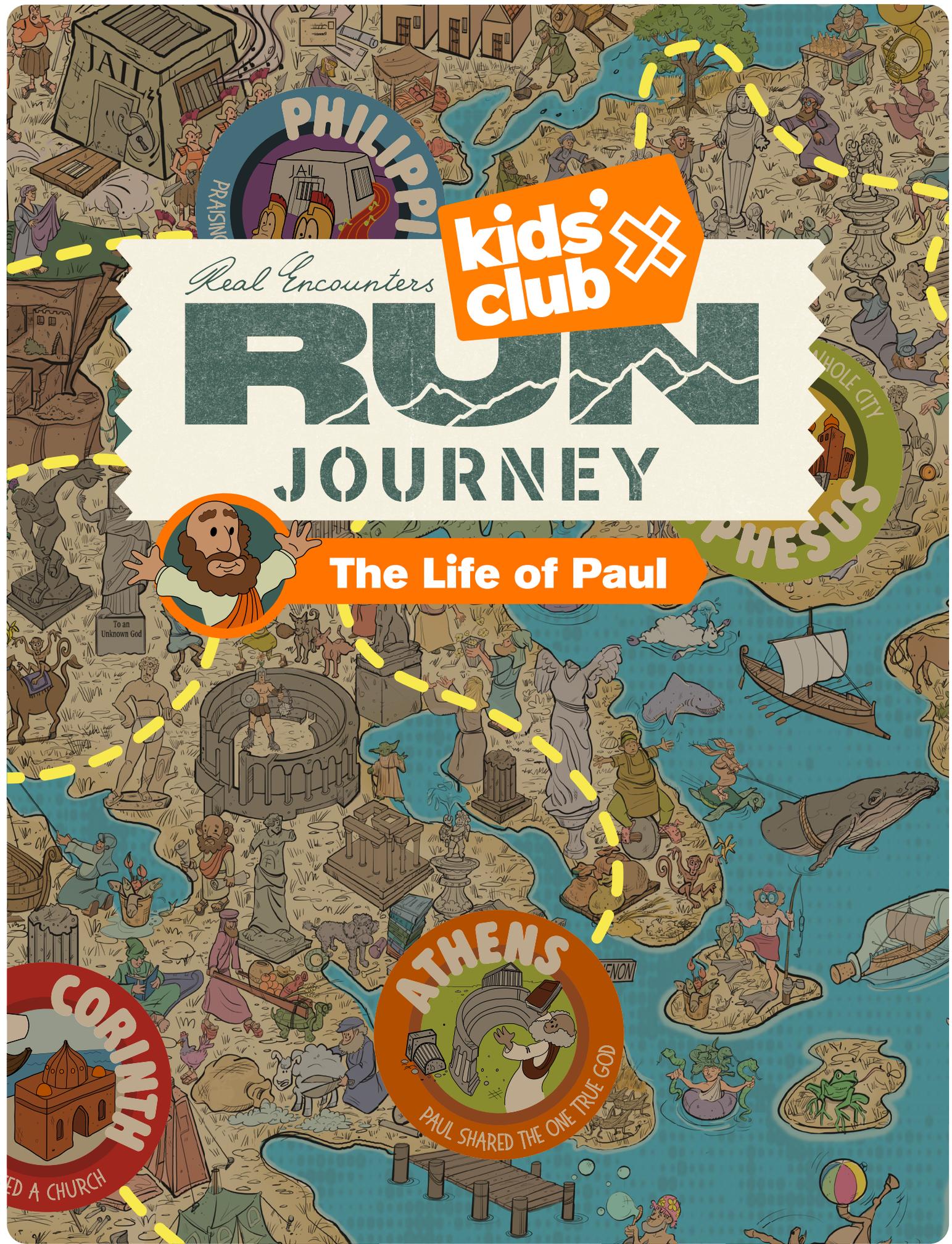
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The Life of Paul

CORINTH
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ATHENS
PAUL SHARED THE ONE TRUE GOD



WEEK 1

GOD HAS A PLAN FOR US

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RUN JOURNEY



THIS WEEK IN KIDS' CLUB

We learned that God has a plan for us, just like He had a plan for Paul. Paul thought he knew what his life was going to look like, but God had a different plan for him. God used where Paul grew up, what he learned, and even the hard and surprising parts of his life to help him tell people about Jesus! Ask your kid to show you their **“Where’s Paul?” Map** and where they’ll add their Tarsus Sticker this week.

TALK ABOUT IT

Here are some questions you can ask during dinner, at bedtime, or in the car:

- Who was Paul, and what was his life like before he followed Jesus?
- How did God’s plan for Paul change after he met Jesus?
- Was God still with Paul when things were hard or surprising? How do we know?
- Have you ever had a plan that did not go the way you expected?
- What do you think it means to trust God’s plan?

DO AN ACTIVITY

Plan vs. Surprise Game

- Grab paper and something to draw with.
- Have everyone draw or write one plan they have (something they hope to do someday or this week). Then take turns sharing a surprise that might change that plan (rain, a new idea, helping someone else, etc.). Talk about how God can still use surprises for good, even when plans change.

THIS WEEK’S CHALLENGE:

Remember that God used every part of Paul’s story. THIS WEEK, THINK ABOUT ONE HARD OR SURPRISING MOMENT AND THANK GOD FOR IT. Ask God to use it for good, just like He did in Paul’s life.

PARENT CONNECTION:

Let your kid see what it looks like to trust God’s plan in real life. Share a time when something didn’t go how you expected, but God used it anyway. Your honesty helps kids understand that following God doesn’t mean life is easy, but it does mean we’re never alone.

REMEMBER: Each week of this series, your kid will receive a new sticker for their map. Ask them to show you this week’s sticker and where it goes, and celebrate what they’re learning about God’s plan for their life!

WEEK 2

GOD CHANGES US



THIS WEEK IN KIDS' CLUB

We learned that **God changes us**, just like He changed Paul. Before he followed Jesus, Paul thought he was doing the right thing by stopping people from following Jesus. But when Paul met Jesus on the road to Damascus, everything changed. God changed Paul's heart, his thinking, and the direction of his whole life! Paul went from hurting followers of Jesus telling people about Jesus!

Kids received their **Damascus Sticker** for their **"Where's Paul?" Map**.

TALK ABOUT IT

Here are some questions you can ask during dinner, at bedtime, or in the car:

- What happened to Paul on the road to Damascus?
- How did Paul change after he met Jesus?
- What are some ways Jesus can change how we think, act, or treat others?
- Have you ever changed in a big way?

DO AN ACTIVITY

Change the Path

- Grab a piece of paper and draw two paths starting from the same place.
- Label one path "My Way" and the other "God's Way." Along each path, draw or write simple examples of choices or attitudes (like anger vs. kindness, selfish vs. generous, or not listening vs. obeying).
- Talk about how Paul was going one direction until he met Jesus, and how God can change our direction too—helping us choose His way instead of our own.

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE:

EACH DAY THIS WEEK, LOOK FOR ONE SMALL CHANGE: A kind word instead of a mean one, choosing forgiveness instead of holding a grudge, helping someone without being asked. At the end of the week, ask your kid: What's one change you noticed? How do you think God helped with that?

PARENT CONNECTION:

Kids learn a lot by watching us. Share a simple example of how following Jesus has changed you—how you think, forgive, love, or respond differently than you used to. This helps kids see that God is still changing people today, not just in Bible stories.

WEEK 3

WE CAN TRUST GOD



THIS WEEK IN KIDS' CLUB

We learned that **we can trust God**, just like Paul and Silas did in Philippi. Even when they were thrown in jail for telling people about Jesus, they prayed and sang songs, trusting God no matter what, and He used their courage to help the jailer and his family believe. Kids learned that trusting God doesn't always make life easy, but it means He is always good, loving, and with us.

Kids received their **Philippi Sticker** for their **"Where's Paul?" Map**.

TALK ABOUT IT

Here are some questions you can ask during dinner, at bedtime, or in the car:

- Who were Paul and Silas, and what were they doing in Philippi?
- What happened to Paul and Silas when they told people about Jesus?
- How did Paul and Silas respond when they were put in jail?
- Why do you think they chose to worship God instead of being afraid?
- What's a challenge that you've faced? Why was it hard?

DO AN ACTIVITY

Sour to Sweet

- Get something sour (like a sour candy or lemon slice) and something sweet.
- Taste the sour item first, then the sweet one.
- Talk about how the sour taste reminds us of hard or scary moments, and the sweet taste reminds us that God is still good, even when things are difficult.

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE:

THIS WEEK, LOOK FOR ONE WAY EACH DAY TO HELP YOUR KID PRACTICE TRUSTING GOD. It could be praying when they feel scared, showing kindness when someone is unkind, or choosing to believe God has a plan when things don't go their way.

PARENT CONNECTION:

Share a story from your own life about a time you had to trust God when things felt uncertain or hard. Tell your kid how you relied on Him or what you learned through it. Help them see that trusting God is always worth it, even when it's scary or difficult.

WEEK 4

WE CAN PERSEVERE



THIS WEEK IN KIDS' CLUB

We learned that **we can persevere**, just like Paul did! Paul faced storms, danger, and even a shipwreck, but he didn't give up because he trusted God. Even when things were hard or scary, Paul kept going, and God kept His promise to take care of him and everyone on the ship.

Kids received their **Athens Sticker** for their **"Where's Paul?" Map**.

TALK ABOUT IT

Here are some questions you can ask during dinner, at bedtime, or in the car:

- What does it mean to persevere?
- What hard things happened to Paul on the ship?
- How did Paul act when everyone else was afraid?
- When is it hard for you to keep going? What helps you to persevere?

DO AN ACTIVITY

Water Bottle Flip

- Take a plastic water bottle filled about halfway with water.
- Flip the bottle and try to make it land standing straight up.
- If it falls over, pick it up and try again until you land it!

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE:

THIS WEEK, HELP YOUR KID PRACTICE PERSEVERANCE BY FINDING ONE THING EACH DAY TO STICK WITH. It could be finishing something that feels hard, like homework or a game level, trying again after a mistake in sports, or keeping a good attitude when things don't go their way.

PARENT CONNECTION:

Share a time from your own life when you had to persevere. Talk about what made it difficult and how God helped you keep going. Help your kid see that perseverance doesn't mean everything is easy, it means choosing to keep going with God's help.

WEEK 5

WE'RE BETTER TOGETHER



THIS WEEK IN KIDS' CLUB

We learned that **we're better together!** In the Early Church, people like Paul, Priscilla, and Aquila worked together, shared what they had, and welcomed others. The church wasn't a building, it was people loving God and loving one another. When they worked together, God did amazing things!

Kids received their **Corinth Sticker** for their **"Where's Paul?" Map**.

TALK ABOUT IT

Here are some questions you can ask during dinner, at bedtime, or in the car:

- Why do you think Paul worked with Priscilla and Aquila instead of doing everything on his own?
- What are some things that are better or easier to do with other people?
- What does it mean that the church is people, not just a building?
- What are some things that are better with other people instead of alone?
- How can your family stick together more when facing hard things?

DO AN ACTIVITY

Better Together Build

- Gather a few random items (blocks, LEGO, paper, markers, puzzle pieces, or household objects). First, build or create something on your own. Then, build or create something together.
- Afterward, talk about: Which one was easier or more fun? How did working together change the experience? How is this like the way the church works?

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE:

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE IS TO PRACTICE BEING BETTER TOGETHER. LOOK FOR CHANCES TO INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN IN, help without being asked, share what you have, or choose teamwork instead of doing everything alone. Each of these choices reflects how the Early Church lived!

PARENT CONNECTION:

God designed families and communities to grow through shared life. Look for ways to model teamwork, generosity, and encouragement at home like cooking together, helping a neighbor, praying together, or working through a problem as a team.

WEEK 6

FOLLOWING JESUS IS AN ADVENTURE



THIS WEEK IN KIDS' CLUB

We learned that **following Jesus is an adventure!** Paul traveled to many cities teaching people about Jesus and helping churches grow. Along the way, he met Timothy, who loved learning about God and followed Paul everywhere—learning to pray, teach, and lead. Even when things got scary, Timothy trusted God and kept going. Following Jesus isn't always easy, but it's an adventure God has prepared for us!

Kids received their **Ephesus Sticker** for their **"Where's Paul?" Map**.

TALK ABOUT IT

Here are some questions you can ask during dinner, at bedtime, or in the car:

- **What do you think made following Jesus an "adventure" for Paul and Timothy?**
- **Timothy was young when he led the church. What are some things kids can do right now to follow Jesus?**
- **Can you think of a time when you tried something new and felt nervous at first? What helped you keep going?**
- **How do you think God might be preparing you for something new?**

DO AN ACTIVITY

Adventure Walk

- Go on a mini-adventure around your neighborhood, backyard, local park, or even inside your home. Bring a notebook, paper, or a phone to record what you notice. Look for signs of God's creation, things that inspire curiosity, or moments that make you think about God's story.

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE:

THIS WEEK, HELP YOUR KID PICK ONE THING THEY KNOW ABOUT GOD AND SHARE IT WITH SOMEONE ELSE, JUST LIKE TIMOTHY LEARNED FROM PAUL AND THEN TAUGHT OTHERS.

PARENT CONNECTION:

Paul didn't just teach Timothy, he walked with him, encouraged him, and reminded him of God's truth. Kids grow in faith the same way! As parents and caregivers, you get to model what trusting God looks like in everyday life. Share with your kids an example of how following Jesus has been an adventure for you!