

## WEEK OF JULY 19th

**Bible Story:** Paul Shipwrecked • Acts 27:1—28:10

**Bottom Line:** Knowing Jesus changes the way you see your problems.

**Memory Verse:** “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.” Ephesians 2:8



### SEEING THINGS DIFFERENTLY

**What You Need:** “Decotrope” cut-outs (Activity Page), straw or pencil, tape, glue, crayons or markers

**What You Do:**

- Choose one set of decotrope circles and cut out the pair of circles. (it’s ok to have some paper around the fold line – the circles don’t have to be completely cut out)
- Color the white areas of the circles using bright colors.
- Fold along the center dotted line.
- Tape the straw or pencil on the back side of one of the circles, along the center line of the circle
- Glue the two circles together back to back.
- When glue is dry, spin the pencil between your palms to create interesting visual effects.

**What You Say:**

“When you spin a decotrope, you see the design differently. The circles don’t look the same anymore, and this can remind us of our bottom line, ‘Knowing Jesus changes the way you see your problems.’ When problems don’t go away, trust that God has a good plan and He will help you see things differently.”

### FOR STARTERS: WHAT DO YOU SEE?

**What You Need:** Set of “What Do You See?” Activity Pages

**What You Do:** I have three different pictures to show you. As I show you each picture, tell me what image you see at first glance.

- Would it surprise you to know that each picture has two different images in it? In order to see the other image, you need to look at it from a different perspective.
- Picture #1: a duck / rabbit.
- Picture #2: a young woman / old woman.
- Picture #3: a vase / two people facing each other.

**What You Say:**

“It’s so crazy that we can all see things differently and from different perspectives when we’re looking at the exact same pictures. In today’s bible story we are going to find out how a man changed the way he saw and acted towards Jesus!



### DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS

**What You Need:** Clear glass filled at least half way with water, paper the size of an index card, marker

**What You Do:**

- Draw an arrow on a piece of paper. It can either be pointing to the left or to the right.
- Hold the glass in front of the paper with the arrow so you can see the arrow through the glass and slowly move the paper away from the glass and toward the glass.
- The arrow appears to change direction!

This is called refraction, and it happens because light bends when it passes through things like water.

**What You Say:** Think about the arrow . . . things aren’t always what they seem. Changing your perspective, or the way you look at something, can change your feelings and opinions about it.



**PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, we love You. Thank You for Jesus! Help us to always follow You and remind us that You are with us, always. Whether things are going great or not so great, we know we can put our faith and trust in You. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.



### EXTRA VERSES TO READ

**What You Need:** A set of “Verse Signs” Activity Pages, pieces of paper, pencil

**What You Do:**

- Think of three different problems that you are facing right now, or that other kids your age might be facing right now, and write each problem on a small piece of paper.
- Either read the following verses from the Bible, or use the printed verse signs.
- Philippians 4:6-7
- Proverbs 3:5-6
- 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Flip over each paper with a problem, and on the back of it, write one of the verse references that would help your perspective on the problem.

**What You Say:**

When you flip your paper over so that you can see the Bible verse but not the problem, is the problem gone? No! But because Jesus changes the way you see your problems, these verses can help you change your perspective. Tell how these verses could change how you see your problems. What can you do to help yourself remember that verse?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**What You Say:**

- When have you seen something good come out of something bad?
- How can trusting Jesus change the way you look at something bad that has happened?

God Time Pages: Throughout the week, use the activities on the God Time pages to reinforce the story.