



SERIES: OUTRAGEOUS FOR KIDS

The Story of Paul

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Props: Put the phrase "GOD CAN DO OUTRAGEOUS THINGS" in big bold colors up on the wall.

Slide: Welcome

(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

Slide: Series Intro

We're starting a new series today called, "Outrageous"! Does anyone know what that word means? (allow kids to answer). Those are good thoughts. Outrageous means something cool or totally unbelievable. For example, maybe you've been to the circus and seen people do some crazy, outrageous tricks on a bike or with an animal. Or, maybe you've hiked up a big mountain to take in an unbelievable, outrageous view for miles and miles. In this series, we're going to look at some totally outrageous things God has done in the lives of his people.

We'll talk about that more in a few minutes. But first, let's stand and sing.

Song

Greatly to Be Praised

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

Slide: Big Idea

All together:

God's forgiveness means we can forget our past mistakes. *(Repeat)*

Video

Play lesson video.

Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- Paul used to be a _____ (bad) guy.
- Paul changed when he met ____ (Jesus).

- True or False: If God forgives us, we should forgive ourselves. (T)

Wait, so hold on a second! Let's get this story straight. So, Paul once was a totally mean guy who went around killing Christians and Jesus forgave him for all of that?! He wasn't sent to time out or something? AND, God gave Paul the important job of traveling around and teaching others about Jesus?! Paul wasn't useless to God? That's crazy! That's outrageous! God's forgiveness is outrageous! He forgave Paul for his past mistakes AND he gave him a bright future.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and read it together.

Slide: Memory Verse

"I focus (point to eyes) on this one (hold up one finger) thing: Forgetting the past (put thumb over shoulder) and looking forward (put hand up to forehead like looking out) to what lies ahead." Philippians 3:13 *(Repeat)*

Great job! This verse was written by Paul. He understood the outrageous gift of God's forgiveness. He knew he had really messed up in his life but he also knew that Jesus had forgiven him. So, instead of feeling sorry for himself for all of his mistakes, he moved forward knowing that he was forgiven. Paul went on to be one of the most famous people in the whole Bible because God ended up using him for great things.

This can be our story, too. God's outrageous forgiveness applies to our lives as well. When we confess our mistakes to God, he will forgive us! And, that means God forgets our past mistakes! He doesn't hold them over our heads and make us feel bad about them.

So, the next time you mess up, tell God you're sorry and receive his outrageous forgiveness and move on to do great things for God.

Song

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Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

Slide: Big Idea

God's forgiveness means we can forget our past mistakes. *(Repeat)*

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and dismiss.