

Paul, Aquila and Priscilla - June 27

Parents: When it comes to many things, including sharing the gospel, the phrase, “Better Together” rings true. We need to encourage others as well as receive encouragement through studying and talking about God’s Word together. Let’s take a look at how Paul and his fellow believers’ did just that while they were in the city of Corinth.



Read: Acts 18:1-11 In Corinth

18 After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. 2 There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, 3 and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. 4 Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks. 5 When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. 6 But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.” 7 Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. 8 Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized. 9 One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. 10 For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.” 11 So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.

Discuss: When Paul left Athens where did he go? *Corinth, another city in Greece.* Who did he meet there and work with? *Aquila and Priscilla, tentmakers. We know from last week’s lesson that Aquila and Priscilla were believers that shared God’s Word because Acts 18:26b says, “When Priscilla and Aquila heard him (Apollos), they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately.”*

When Silas and Timothy came what did Paul do? *He spent his time preaching about Jesus to the Jews and then to others.* Did people believe in the Lord? *Some people did not and some, like Justus and his entire family, believed and were baptized.*

When the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision what reason did He give Paul to continue speaking and not worry about getting harmed? *The Lord said that Paul would not be harmed because He had many people in this city.*

We see that Paul, Aquila, Priscilla, Silas, Timothy and other believers worked together to share God’s Word. Do you think that believers work together these days? *Yes, most definitely! We can work along with our church, friends, and family members to share God’s love with others.*

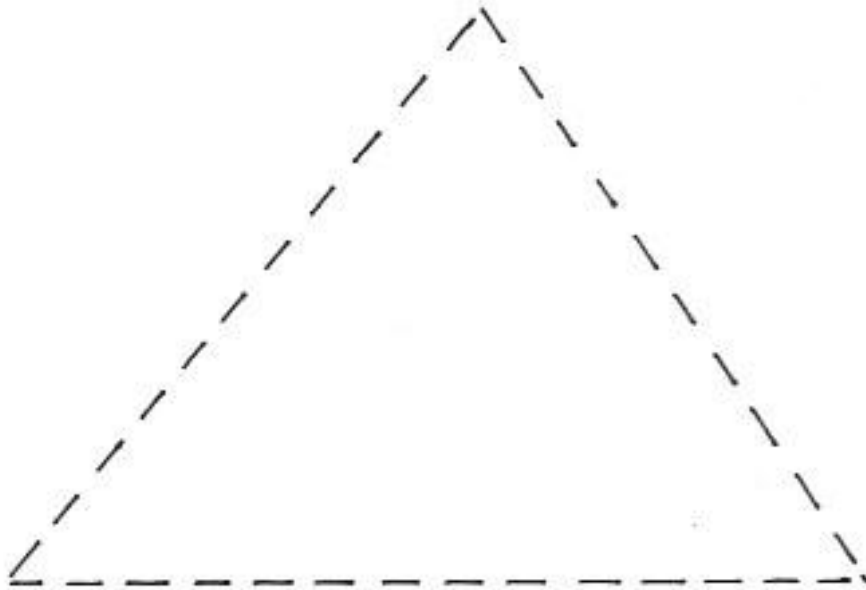
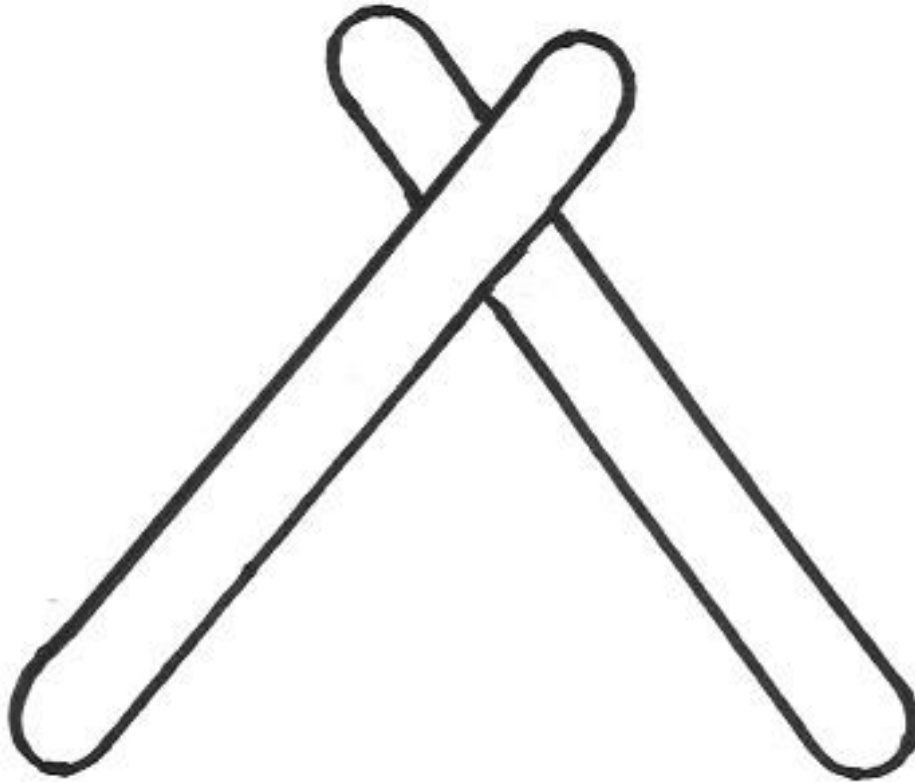
Key Point: We Work Together to Share God’s Word

We Work Together to (Point to yourself and others, make two fists and bump together)
Share God’s Word (Take one flat hand move it towards body and out to others, repeat, next, point finger to middle of opposite palm, place both palms together and pretend to open a book)

Family Activity: To remember Paul, Aquila, and Priscilla working together, let’s make a tent using the template attached. First, glue the two popsicle sticks. Then cut a triangle out of fabric or construction paper. Glue it onto the tent frame. Embellish the tent with a cross and other creative details.

Prayer: Dear God, We praise You for those that teach, preach, and encourage us in your ways. Help us study the Bible so we, too, can share your Word with others. We thank and love You. Amen.

Next Steps: Memorize Acts 18: 2b-3 Paul went to see them, and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them.



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