

**NURSERY AtHome - A Parent Resource**

As the primary spiritual nurturer of your home, this resource is designed to inspire, equip, and support you as you share God's Word with your child.

**God Statement: God Calls Us His Own**

**Memory Verse:** See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! 1 John 3:1a

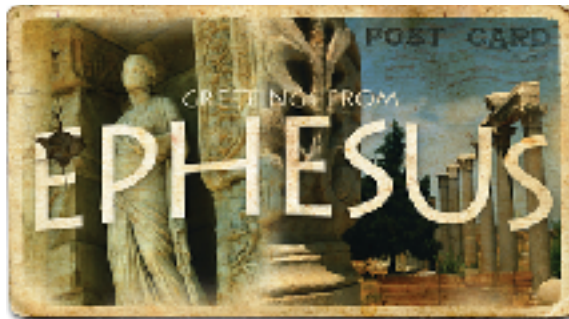


**Paul in Ephesus | Acts 19; Ephesians 1**

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Paul



Repetition is an important part of your child's development and growth. Enjoy re-reading the story and declaring God Calls Us His Own throughout the day. Use the extra activities to connect with God's Word this week.

**PRAY**

- Open a Bible to Acts 19.
- Read Acts 17:2-3. What did Paul do as he traveled?
- Read Acts 17:16. What did the Greeks worship?
- What part do you think you can play in The Big God Story?

**EXPERIENCE**

We still live in a world where people don't know the truth about God. God still uses people to show others what He is like and to tell them about Him.

- What do you know to be true about God?
- Do you know He is good, He is living, and He is wonderful?

If you know something true about God that you want to proclaim, then practice telling this truth to each other. Shout it out, if you want! Tell what you know is true about God. God is the Living God!

**BLESS**

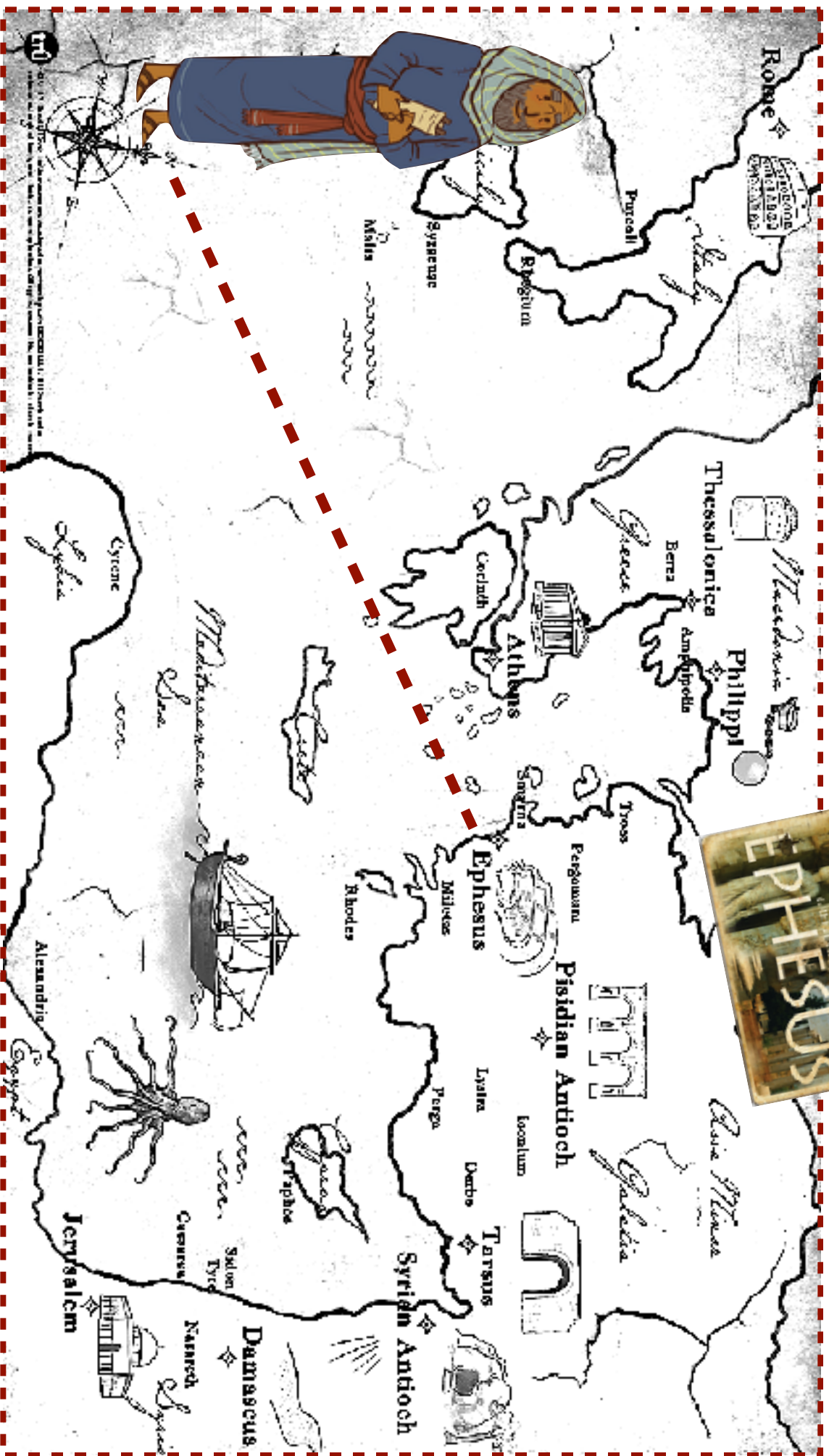
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*Child's name*, may you know that your Heavenly Father loves you. May you know God is the Living God. May you know He is the only one who is worthy of your worship! May you be bold to tell others of this truth!

**We Bee-lieve... God Calls Us His Own**

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**NURSERY 1 Coloring**  
August-Wk 1  
Acts 19; Ephesians 1



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**Memory Verse ::** *See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! 1 John 3:1*

## **AUGUST | Week 1**

### **Paul in Ephesus**

#### **Acts 19; Ephesians 1**

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#### **Discover**

- Much of the content of Paul's letter to the Ephesians focuses on the believer's identity in Christ.
- Ephesus was the third most populated city in the Roman Empire. It was located on a bustling trade route.
- The Ephesians were surrounded by Greek customs, so they were well-rooted in the lifestyle and culture of pagan worship.

#### **Experience**

Read **Ephesians 1:1–11**. Make a list of all the things the Ephesians were blessed with in Christ. Explain to your children that you are also blessed in Christ. Have each person share the blessing that means the most to him right now. Then reread verses 3–11 to your children, substituting their names wherever the passage says "us" or "we." Remind your kids that as they go through the day, no matter what anyone else says, their identity comes from being a chosen and beloved child of God.

#### **Follow**

After reading through **Acts 19:1-22**, discuss these questions together:

- In what ways has God called you to serve those around you?
- What were some of the details Paul included in His letter to Ephesus?
- How can you rejoice and celebrate the good news of salvation?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to have conversations about how God Calls Us His Own in your everyday life.

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#### **A blessing to pray over your child:**

(Child's Name), **may you know that your Heavenly Father loves you. May you know that God calls YOU His own! God has chosen you, as His child, for a very special purpose. He has called you to do great deeds among those with whom you come in contact. May He continue to use you to bless those around you.**