Preschool–Grade 6

Priscilla and Aquila

Sunday School Lesson for Preschool (Ages 3–5), 20–30 minutes

Main point: I can serve God with others.
Bible passage: Acts 18. Read Acts 18:1–4, 18:18–19 and 18:24–26 yourself before class.
Memory verse: "they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly." *Acts 18:26 (KJV)*. **Expounded** means explained.
You need: a Bible, a blanket or bedsheet, two chairs, crayons, and one take-home sheet for each child.
Before class: put a bookmark in your Bible at Acts 18. Set the two chairs a few steps apart.

1. Opening game: Make a Tent (5 minutes)

Ask two or three children at a time to help you spread the blanket over the two chairs. Say, "We made a tent together!" Let everyone take a turn sitting inside. Then say: "Today we will hear a true story about a husband and wife who made tents, and they served God together."

2. Bible story (5 minutes)

Hold up your Bible open to Acts 18. Say: "This story is true. It is in God's Word." Read each line slowly and do the motion. When you see **Say it with me**, the kids say the line back to you.

Paul came to a city called Corinth (Acts 18:1). *(Walk in place.)*
He met Aquila and his wife Priscilla (18:2). *(Wave hello.)*
They made tents (18:3). *(Put your hands together over your head like a tent.)*
Paul made tents with them (18:3). **Say it with me: "We work together!"**
Paul told people about God (18:4). *(Open your hands like a book.)*
They sailed on a ship to Ephesus (18:18–19). *(Rock side to side.)*
A man named Apollos came (18:24). *(Wave hello.)*
He spoke about the Lord (18:25). *(Cup your hands around your mouth.)*
Priscilla and Aquila heard him (18:26). *(Cup your hand by your ear.)*
They explained God's way to him (18:26). *(Point up.)*
Say it with me: "I can serve God with others!"

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3. Questions to ask (3 minutes)

1. What did Priscilla and Aquila make? *(Tents, Acts 18:3)*
2. Who worked with them? *(Paul, 18:3)*
3. Who did they help learn God's way? *(Apollos, 18:26)*

4. Memory verse (3 minutes)

Say: "Priscilla and Aquila helped Apollos. The Bible says, 'they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.' Expounded means explained." Teach the motion: wave "come here" on "took him unto them," open your hands like a book on "expounded," and point up on "the way of God." Say the verse with the motion three times: in a normal voice, in a whisper, and in a happy loud voice. Then say "Acts 18:26" and clap three times.

5. What this means for us (3 minutes)

Say: "Priscilla and Aquila served God together. God loves you! Everyone has done wrong things. That is called sin (Romans 3:23). Jesus is God. He came to earth as a man (1 Timothy 3:16). Jesus died for our sins. He was buried. Then He rose again (1 Corinthians 15:3–4)! The Bible tells us what to do (Acts 2:38). We repent: we tell God we are sorry, and we stop doing wrong. We are baptized in Jesus' name, down under the water, and our sins are washed away. And God gives us the Holy Ghost. That is God's own Spirit in us. When people are filled with the Holy Ghost, they speak in other tongues, words God gives them (Acts 2:4)."
Pray with the kids, and encourage them to talk with their parents and pastor about being baptized in Jesus' name and filled with the Holy Ghost. Never pressure a child.

6. Activity: Helpers Together (5–10 minutes)

Give each child a partner. Partners work together on one job: carry the crayons to the table, pass out the take-home sheets, or put the chairs back. Say: "You served together, like Priscilla and Aquila!" Then give each child a take-home sheet. In the drawing box, help them draw a tent. While they color, ask: "Who did Priscilla and Aquila help? Who can you help?"

7. Prayer

Say each line, and the kids say it after you:
"Thank You, God, for loving me.
Help me serve You with others. In Jesus' name, amen."

Tips for little ones: keep the story moving. Let every child make the tent shape with their hands. Send the take-home sheet home so parents can tell the story again this week.

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