Preschool–Grade 6

Priscilla and Aquila

Sunday School Lesson for Kindergarten to 2nd Grade, 45 minutes

Main point: Priscilla and Aquila served God together. They worked hard, and they helped Apollos learn the way of God more perfectly. We can serve God together too.
Bible passage: Acts 18:1–4, 18:18–19 and 18:24–26. Read it before class.
Memory verse: "And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly." *Acts 18:26 (KJV)*
You need: a Bible, a blanket or bedsheet, two chairs, 6 index cards, a marker, tape, paper and crayons, and one take-home sheet for each child.
Before class: write the memory verse on the 6 cards (see part 4). Put a bookmark in your Bible at Acts 18.

1. Opening game: Tent Builders (5 minutes)

Set two chairs a few steps apart. Kids work in teams of three: together they spread the blanket over the two chairs to make a tent, then take it down for the next team. Count how fast each team can do it. Then say: "It is easier when we work together! Today we will meet a husband and wife who made tents, and they served God together."

2. Bible story: The Tentmakers (10 minutes)

Hold up your Bible open to Acts 18, so the kids can see the story comes from God's Word. Tell it in your own words:

Paul went from city to city telling people about Jesus. He came to a city called **Corinth** (Acts 18:1). There he found a Jew named **Aquila** and his wife, **Priscilla**. They had just come from Italy (18:2). Paul and Aquila had the same **craft**, the same kind of work. They were **tentmakers**! So Paul stayed with them, and they worked together (18:3).

Every sabbath Paul went to the **synagogue**, the place where the Jews met to read God's Word and pray, and he talked with the people about God (18:4). He told them that Jesus is the Christ (18:5). Paul stayed in Corinth a year and six months, teaching the word of God (18:11).

Then Paul sailed away on a ship, and Priscilla and Aquila went with him. They came to a city called **Ephesus**, and Paul left them there (18:18–19).

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The story continues: A man named **Apollos** came to Ephesus. He spoke very well, and he was **mighty in the scriptures**. That means he knew God's Word very well (Acts 18:24). He taught carefully about the Lord, but he knew only the **baptism of John** (18:25). John the Baptist had baptized people who repented, and told them to believe on Jesus, who was coming after him (19:4).

Apollos spoke **boldly**, without being afraid, in the synagogue. **Read Acts 18:26 from your Bible.** Say: "Priscilla and Aquila heard him. They **took him unto them**, so he could be with them. And they **expounded** to him, which means they explained, the way of God **more perfectly**, more fully. They helped Apollos learn more about God's way!" After that, Apollos went on and helped the believers very much (18:27).

3. Questions to ask (5 minutes)

1. What city did Paul come to first? *(Corinth, Acts 18:1)*
2. What was the name of Aquila's wife? *(Priscilla, 18:2)*
3. What did Paul, Aquila and Priscilla make? *(Tents. They were tentmakers, 18:3)*
4. Who did Priscilla and Aquila hear speaking in the synagogue? *(Apollos, 18:24–26)*
5. What did they explain to Apollos? *(The way of God more perfectly, 18:26)*

4. Memory verse: Tent Peg Path (5 minutes)

Write one part on each card: *And he began to speak boldly / in the synagogue: / whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, / they took him unto them, / and expounded unto him / the way of God more perfectly. Acts 18:26.* Explain the old words: **boldly** means without being afraid, **synagogue** means the meeting place where the Jews read God's Word, **took him unto them** means they brought him to be with them, **expounded** means explained, and **more perfectly** means more fully. Tape the cards on the floor in a path, like tent pegs in a row. Kids walk the path together, reading each card as they step by it. Then turn one card over and walk it again. Keep turning cards over until the kids can say the whole verse.

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5. What this means for us (5 minutes)

Say: "Priscilla and Aquila worked hard, and they served God together. They helped Apollos learn God's way more fully. God wants us to learn His way and help others learn it too. God loves you very much. But everyone has done wrong things. The Bible calls that sin: 'For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God' (Romans 3:23, KJV). Jesus is God who came to earth as a man (1 Timothy 3:16). Jesus died for our sins, He was buried, and He rose again (1 Corinthians 15:3–4)! The Bible tells us how to obey the gospel, the good news about Jesus: 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.' (Acts 2:38, KJV) To **repent** means we are sorry for our sin and we turn away from it. We are **baptized**, buried all the way under the water, in Jesus' name, so our sins are washed away (Romans 6:4; Acts 22:16). **Remission** means God takes our sins away. And God fills us with the **Holy Ghost**, His own Spirit, and we speak in other tongues, words God gives us, just like the believers did in the Bible (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.
This week: work together with someone in your family to help another person, and tell a friend one thing you learned about God.

6. Activity (10–15 minutes)

Choose one: the **Priscilla and Aquila word search** (vbshq.com/puzzles/priscilla-and-aquila-word-search), crossword (vbshq.com/puzzles/priscilla-and-aquila-crossword), maze (vbshq.com/puzzles/priscilla-and-aquila-maze) or worksheet (vbshq.com/worksheets/priscilla-and-aquila-worksheet), the coloring page or craft (vbshq.com/bible-stories/priscilla-and-aquila), or **Two Helping Hands:** each child traces both hands on a paper. In one hand, they draw a way to work hard at home or school. In the other hand, they draw a way to help someone learn about God. Ask: *Who can you serve God with this week?*

7. Prayer

"Dear God, thank You for Priscilla and Aquila, who worked hard and served You together. Help us work hard, learn Your way, and help others learn it too. Thank You for loving us and coming to save us in Jesus. In Jesus' name, amen."

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