

Chew Chew Snacks



DAY 2



BIBLE POINT
— Day 2 —
Jesus' power gives us hope.

Bible Story: Paul encourages others in a storm and shipwreck. (Acts 27)

Bible Verse: “So be strong and courageous, all you who put your hope in the Lord!” (Psalm 31:24)

Consider This...

- ▶ After Paul became a follower of Jesus, he fervently shared the news of Jesus everywhere he went. In Jerusalem, Paul encountered a group of men who opposed his teachings. These men began a riot, accusing Paul of spreading false doctrine and of defiling the Temple. Guards arrested Paul and threw him in prison. The following years included trials, death threats, secret transfers to other prisons, and finally a trip to Rome where Paul could plead his case before Caesar.
- ▶ In Acts 27:9, Paul notes the sailing season in connection with Jewish observances. Sailors typically only sailed from Pentecost (May–June) through Tabernacles (after the Day of Atonement in late September or early October). Roman sailors resisted sailing in November, as it typically proved dangerous.
- ▶ The sailors battled the fierce storm for at least three days, using every trick they knew to secure the ship and survive hurricane-force winds and waves. Finally, the weary seamen lost hope of ever being saved. At this low point, Paul shares the hopeful news given by God.
- ▶ God's message of hope, conveyed through Paul, rang true for the soldiers, the sailors, and the prisoners. God's angel assured Paul that “none of you will lose your lives” (Acts 27:22). However, after the shipwreck, the soldiers planned to kill the prisoners so they wouldn't escape. (Roman law mandated that a soldier who lost a prisoner had to take that prisoner's place!) “But the commanding officer wanted to spare Paul, so he didn't let them carry out their plan” (Acts 27:43). And, just as the angel said, not even a *prisoner* died.



Why It Matters...

In many ways, Paul was powerless in the stormy sea. He didn't have experience as a sailor. Guards held him prisoner. And, of course, he couldn't stop the crashing waves and howling winds. But Paul *did* have Jesus' power on his side!

In the same way, kids may feel powerless through life's storms. The world can seem turbulent, dark, and confusing. Bad news crashes over us. Fear blows relentlessly, leaving kids feeling hopeless. Yet God promises to strengthen us with *his* power! And we can trust that God's promises are true. Like Paul, we have Jesus' power on our side. Today, celebrate that truth and give kids the hope of victory and comfort during life's uncertainties.

SUPPLIES

- ▶ bagels, cut in half
- ▶ cream cheese (optional)



TODAY'S TREAT BAGEL TUNNEL



Chew on this!

Our bagel tunnel is like the dark tunnels that trains sometimes go through. It may sometimes be a really long time before the light at the end of the tunnel appears. That light gives hope because it means the train is almost out of the dark.

Remember

We'll get out of dark or hard times in our lives too. Today's special Bible verse, Psalm 31:24 tells us, "So be strong and courageous, all you who put your hope in the Lord!" **Jesus' power gives us hope! (*Trust Jesus!*)**

Pray

Dear God, we thank you that whenever we face a hard time or tunnel in our lives that you are there to give us hope. We love you. Amen.

Build it!

Place bagel halves side by side on a plate with the arches facedown to form a tunnel. Spread cream cheese on the bagels if desired and enjoy.



Alternate Snack Tracks

- ▶ Veggie Straws (resemble a tunnel with hollow inside)
- ▶ Lunchmeat or cheese slice rolled into a tunnel
- ▶ Bugles
- ▶ Udi's gluten free bagels
- ▶ Your favorite smoothie, milkshake, or juice served with a drinking straw (straw represents the tunnel)