

# Roadtrip



**UPTOWN @ HOME**

Mid-week Devotions to do with your kids.

**WEEK 1 - START UP**  
**WEEK 2 - GPS**  
**WEEK 3 - PACK YOUR BAGS**  
**WEEK 4 - NEVER GIVE UP**  
**WEEK 5 - IT TAKES COURAGE**

This series follows the life of Paul & his adventures! We've called it "Road Trip" because on every road trip there are ups & downs. There's always a destination in mind but it takes the right tools & the right vehicle to get there safely.

Paul's journey is probably one of the craziest of all! He persevered through so many trials. It wasn't always easy but even at his lowest; God gave him the strength to keep going. Nothing stopped him from preaching the Gospel and living out the call God had for his life.

*Memory Verse:*

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;  
the old has gone, the new has come!"  
2 Corinthians 5:17*

*Week 1 - ACCELERATE (19 May)*

Story Acts 8:1 & 9:1-9. Saul encounters Jesus and is changed!

Bottom Line: When we accept Jesus as our Saviour, our lives are changed forever.

Chat:

1. Chat about what things make up a car? What would happen if parts of the car were missing – how would it affect the trip?
2. What do you think would be the 'heart' of the car? (the engine)
3. Without the engine, the car is just an empty shell. In a similar way, we too need something if we want to be more than an empty shell. What do we need? (We need to accept God as our personal Saviour; God is like our engine.)
4. Who did we learn about today that met Jesus and was changed forever? (Saul)

*Week 2 - GPS (26 May)*

Story Acts 13:1-3. Paul is chosen to go on mission

Bottom Line: God has great plans for your life.

Chat:

1. Chat about a time you got lost! Maybe on a car trip? Maybe in the shops? Around your neighbourhood? How did it feel? How did you find your way?
2. What is a good thing to take with you if you are going on a long journey? (Map/GPS/A person who knows the way!)
3. As children of God, what journey are we on and what is our ultimate destination? (We're on a journey of living for Jesus and becoming more like Him. We're heading for heaven!)
4. Who is our map/GPS? (Jesus)
5. Are you listening to where Jesus is calling you? Are you on His journey or are you on your own? Chat and pray about this.

## Week 3 - PACK YOUR BAGS (2 June)

Story Acts. Paul stopped at nothing to preach the Gospel.

Bottom Line: God uses us to reach the lost.

Chat:

1. Chat with your kids about what a mission trip is. Maybe they've never been on one or maybe they have. Chat about their experiences if they have and chat about how they would feel about going on one if they haven't.
2. Can we only be on mission if we go out the country? (No, we can be on mission in our families and schools!)
3. What can we learn from Paul about being on mission? (We stop at nothing to preach the Gospel. We're representatives of God and we're called to proclaim His good news.)
4. Pray with your kids for the confidence to be on mission wherever they are and ask God to speak if there is somewhere specifically He is calling them too.

## Week 4 - DETOUR (9 June)

Story Acts 14:8-28. Paul is chased from the city

Bottom Line: Failing is okay, but don't give up!

Chat:

1. Think of a time you felt like giving up? What happened? Did you give up or did you push on? What was the result?
2. What happened in the story today that could have easily made Paul give up? (He was stoned half to death and chased out of the city)
3. Would you have carried on if that was you in Paul's shoes?
4. Do you ever feel like you want to give up on telling your friends about Jesus? Or maybe you're finding it difficult to continue loving those who hurt you?
5. How do we keep going? (We pray the Jesus would give us His heart for them and His strength to keep loving them.)

## Week 5 - EYE'S ON THE PRIZE (16 June)

Story Acts 27:13-44. Paul is shipwrecked

Bottom Line: To survive the journey, we need God's courage.

Chat:

1. How would you feel if you were out at sea on a ship in a massive storm?
2. Imagine you were Paul in our story today, how do you think you would reacted to the situation?
3. Why was Paul able to stay calm? (He TRUSTED God)
4. What was God's promise to Paul? (He would get them through it all alive)
5. Why did God want to keep Paul alive? (God had a plan for him and nothing could get in the way.)
6. Are you, like Paul, pushing on and living the life God has called you to? Pray that God would get you back on track if you feel you may not be living 100% for Him!