
We are ALL called to tell about Jesus

Why did Paul make tents? I thought Paul's job was to start churches!

You will need:

- ⑤ Craft sticks
- ⑤ Fabric squares
- ⑤ Glue dots

Directions:

As you talk about the following questions as a family, use the materials you have gathered to make a tent. It can be any size, any shape. You can each make a tent, or you can make one tent together as a family. There are no rules around how you make your tents – be creative! Send pictures of your tents to River of Hope! We would love to post them on our Faith at Home web page!

These discussion questions come from our story on Sunday. If you haven't watched worship yet as a family, you can do that now! Here is the link:

1. **The apostle Paul had two jobs. He was trained to be a tentmaker, creating sturdy dwellings out of leather. This was how he made money so that he could travel and pay for food. Paul stitched pieces of leather together and sealed them to be waterproof. Have you ever been camping with your family?
Have you ever been in a tent that leaked?
It is important to have a well- constructed tent in order to keep warm and dry.**
2. **Paul's tents were not for camping and play. They were tents people lived in, so he had an important job creating homes for people. He made his living doing this, and spent his extra time preaching and building faith communities. This was his second job. Some preachers in the early church, like Peter, were supported entirely by the offerings given by the church. Other people, like Paul, supported themselves by working their trade (or job). People who work one job to support themselves while they also do ministry are often called "tentmakers".**
3. **What job would you do if you were Paul? If you were to spend some time doing something you were good at and could make money at while you spent other time sharing the good news, what would that thing be? Or what is it, if you are currently doing it?**

4. Go around the table and share what you think your tent making profession would be or is. Sometimes we have trouble knowing what we are good at! If one of you is having a difficult time finding your strengths, help them! What do YOU see in them that could make a good “profession”?

5. It is important for us to know that people are called to spread the good news. Some of us do that as our full-time jobs. Some do it as a part-time job. The rest of us share the good news while we do other jobs (even jobs like being students, being retired, or managing homes and children.) God calls all of us. Place your tents in a place that reminds you that God calls all of us into ministry.