

# Message for Children: Bullying

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## *Scripture Reference:*

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen. *2 Timothy 4.16-18*

## *Message for Children:*

Today's Bible story talks about something really important. It's about being bullied. You see, Paul was trying to be a good follower of Jesus and spread the Good News to everyone he met, but others didn't like that. So they teased him and hurt him. Paul was bullied by all kinds of folks who didn't like him talking about Jesus. They bullied him because he was different than they were. But, Paul didn't let those people get him down. He didn't let their bullying stop him. And do you know why? Because Paul knew that God was on his side. He knew that through all this bad stuff, through all the hurt and bullying that God was right there with him. He didn't have to face those mean people alone. God was there! And God helped Paul get through those hurtful times and live to enjoy many, many days of celebrating and praise with people who loved Paul and his message about Jesus.

And I want us all to remember that God will do the same for us. If you are teased or hurt or bullied by others, I want you to remember that you are not alone. God is with you. And God will help you get through those bad times. I also want you to remember that all these people (*point to everyone in the congregation*) love you, too. So, if someone is mean to you for whatever reason, I want you to remember you're not alone and you are loved!

## *Prayer:*

Let's pray: Thank you God for always being on our side. Help us remember your love even in the bad times.