

# ELEMENTARY DISCUSSION GUIDE

# **TIMELINE WEEKEND**

**RESOURCES:** Check out the three Bible Timeline One-Pagers found on the Elementary Kids Kit to help you answer the following discussion questions.

The Bible is a bunch of smaller stories that point to one big true Story: The story of God and His rescue plan through Jesus.

## **CHURCH ERA**

(Acts 1-12)

- 1. READ ACTS 1:8. What job did Jesus give His disciples before He returned to heaven? (Go to the whole world and tell everyone about Jesus and what He did for them.)
- 2. What gift did Jesus send to His followers to help them? (The Holy Spirit the third person of the Trinity)
- 3. What is persecution? (Treating someone badly because of what they believe)
- 4. How did God use the persecution of the church to help spread the Gospel? (The believers escaped the city and took the Good News about Jesus with them.)
- 5. At first, Saul, also known as Paul, hated Christians and wanted to persecute them. What happened on his way to Damascus? (Jesus met him and changed his heart.)

### **MISSIONS ERA**

(Acts 13 – Jude)

- 1. Who are some of the people God used to write letters and go on journeys to share the gospel? (Paul, Silas, Timothy, Luke, Peter, John, etc.)
- 2. In the SILENCE era God used the Romans to build roads and the Greeks to help everyone know the same language. How do you think that helped Jesus' followers in the MISSIONS era? (The roads helped them travel to different places and the same Greek language helped them talk to lots of different people about Jesus.)
- 3. READ ACTS 16:29-32. What message did Paul and Silas share with the jailer? (They told him that if he believed in Jesus, he would be saved.)
- 4. We are currently living in the Missions era. What can you do to be on mission this week?

### **FUTURE ERA**

(Revelation)

- There is a lot we do not know about the future. Who DOES know and control everything about the future? (God)
- 2. How does it make you feel knowing that God is completely in charge of everything, even the future?
- 3. What do we know for sure is going to happen in the future? (Jesus is coming back to fulfill prophecy, defeat His enemies, and rule forever.)
- 4. Who will get to be with God forever in the future? (All people who have been saved by faith in Jesus Christ will be with God forever.)
- 5. READ REVELATION 21:1-4. What is it going to be like for believers after Jesus comes back? (God will live with His people. There will be no more tears, death, sorrow, crying, or pain.)