

## Bible background

Acts 20:7-12

## Aim of lesson

To describe the enthusiasm of Paul and his listeners, and how Paul was able to heal Eutychus.

## Preparation required

Per model you will need a shoe box/tissue box possibly painted, Sellotape, 4 pipe cleaners (materials to dress, if you like), scissors/knife.

## Suggested outline of lesson

1. If the children regularly attend a breaking of bread service you may like to spend a short time discussing with them what it means. If not, explain what happens and the command of Jesus at the last supper.  
  
(Note that although the record in Acts tells us that Paul spoke until after midnight, we are not told at what time the meeting started! It may be that this was a meeting held on a Saturday evening, after the end of the sabbath.)
2. Describe the building and the room where Paul met his friends. Compare the position of the room to the children's own rooms. Describe the crowded, hot atmosphere in the room, and explain why Paul was talking for so long.
3. Stress the dangerous position where Eutychus sat and describe how tiredness overcame him. Do the children remember times when they fell asleep?
4. Describe the panic and sadness immediately following Eutychus' death. The happy time had been turned into a very sad one. Paul's faith was able to change all this.
5. Ask the children to imagine times they are very happy or very sad. If they could change a very unhappy situation into a happy one, what would they do?
6. Conclude the story by telling them how Paul continued to talk until dawn and everyone was happy.

## Alternative activities

1. Paint or print or make a collage picture of the house and stick a card or paper figure in the window.
2. Make sad/happy masks on either side of a circle of card or a paper plate to show how Eutychus' friends felt when he was dead/alive. Alternatively, you could make awake/asleep faces.

## Relevance to the children's lives

The safety aspect can be brought out.

## Prayer

Ask God to keep us safe and to help others to be happy.

## Verse

'The people took the young man home alive.' Acts 20:12.

## Rhyme

While at Troas one Sunday night  
Paul was talking until daylight.  
The crowd listened despite the heat,  
Eutychus sat on a window seat.  
Paul talked on, not wanting to stop.  
Eutychus' eyelids began to drop.  
Words Paul said went round and round  
Then poor Eutychus fell to the ground.  
Paul rushed to help the injured lad  
For such a dreadful fall he'd had.  
'Don't be alarmed, he will survive.'  
Paul hugged him and told them, 'He's alive.'