

Bible Story: King Agrippa (Acts 26:1-29)

Key Point: An Almost Yes is Still a No

Challenge Verse: 2 Corinthians 6:2b

"I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation."

You will need: Signs for: Paul (Used to be Saul), King Agrippa, Now, Is, The, Day, Of, Salvation; Small words to be hidden that say, "*now is the day of salvation*"; A Bible marked at 2 Corinthians 6:2

King Agrippa

Body Spellers

SAY: In a minute I am going to call a number. Whatever number I call, I want you to get into groups of that number. Someone will be left out each time. Try not to be the person left out. Ready...Number 2... 4... 5... 10... 6...1... 3

(Note: The numbers you call aren't important. When someone is left-out, they are still in the game. Be sure to end with groups of 3. If you have four in a group, that's fine. The second group leader can even play if you need to balance the groups.)

SAY: The group you are in is going to be in a challenge against everyone else. In a minute I am going to call a letter. Using only your bodies of those in your group, I want you to make that letter on the floor. Ready...A...*(Be sure to give enough time for every team to spell it. Then point out which group was the fastest.)*...L...M...O...S...T.

SAY: On the count of 3, without sliding, bumping, or picking noses I want you to touch a wall as fast as you can and come and sit in a circle. 1-2-3. Go!

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4 minutes

*Leader: Say Yes to Jesus! Students: Yes!
(If they aren't loud, do it again.)*

Leader: What's #1! Students: Keep God First!

Ask the students: What word did you spell a minute ago? ALMOST

Choose 2 volunteers to help you tell a story about a man in the Bible who ALMOST said *Yes to Jesus*. Give one a sign that says *Paul (Used to be Saul)*. Explain that he changed his name when he began traveling abroad preaching about Jesus. Give the other volunteer the sign that says *King Agrippa*.

SAY: Paul had been arrested for Jesus and had been in prison for two years when King Agrippa came to visit and wanted to hear his defense. Paul told him about how he had persecuted Christians and then met Jesus on the road to Damascus. After hearing his

defense and his faith in Christ, the king said (*have volunteer repeat this after you*), "In a short time you will persuade me to become a Christian."

SAY: Paul answered him by saying (*Don't have the volunteer repeat after you*), "I would to God, that whether in a short of a long time, not only you, but also all who hear me this day, might become such as I am."

KEY: King Agrippa ALMOST gave his life to Jesus, but **An Almost Yes is Still a No.**

(Have students repeat after you.)

REPEAT: An Almost Yes is Still a No.

The king made the worst choice of all. He said "No" to Jesus.

Give our volunteers a hand.

Figure Out the Verse

5 minutes

SAY: I have hidden six words somewhere in this room (area). When I say go, you will have one minute to find all six. Go!

When the time is up, have the group return to a circle. Collect what they have and read the words to them but not in the correct order.

SAY: Now it's time for Challenge #2. You have to put the words in the correct order and to do this I need 6 volunteers.

Choose 6 volunteers. Give each a sign for the following part of the Challenge Verse: "Now is the day of salvation." Be sure not to give them in the correct order and withhold the sign for any word that they didn't find. Just have the volunteer stand there without a sign.

Have students raise their hands when they think they know what this verse says. After a few tries add in all the words and let them try some more. After they have figured it out, continue with the following:

SAY: The entire Challenge Verse for today says,

Read 2 Corinthians 6:2b from your Bible

"I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation."

SAY: In other words, don't put off giving your life to Jesus. Don't wait, do it today.

Pray

1 minute

Pray that your students will not be ashamed of Jesus, just like Paul wasn't ashamed and that, just like he, they will make the most of every opportunity to tell others about Christ.