

# RIOT IN EPHESUS

## BIG IDEA

Demetrius, the silversmith, started a riot when he felt that Paul's preaching threatened his business.

## KEY VERSES

Acts 19:23-41

## MEMORY VERSE

Acts 19:20

"In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power."

## • PREPARATION & MATERIALS •

### BIBLE SKIT

- Cast: 6-8 people. Narrator #1, Narrator #2, Person #1, Person #2, Leader, Demetrius, 1-2 Extra People for the Crowd.
- Props: None

### GAME

- You will need to find 2 chairs on location
- List of prepared questions

### CRAFT

- Cereal box type cardboard (several per child)
- Yarn of various colors
- String or ribbon
- Tape

### WORKSHEETS

- Photocopies of Coloring Sheet (1 per child)



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### STAGING

Position the Crowd and People on the left side of the stage, the Narrators in the center, and the Leader and Demetrius on the right side of the stage.

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### SCRIPT

Narrator #1: Paul had been teaching in the city of Ephesus for a couple of years—

Narrator #2: That's long sermon!

Narrator #1: He healed many people...

Narrator #2: Ta-da!

Narrator #1: And everyone I the are heard about Jesus, and was amazed—

Narrator #2: That's amazing!

Narrator #1: People admitted their wrongs and burned their books of magic—

Narrator #2: --in one gigantic campfire.

Narrator #1: While all this was going on,

Narrator #2: A silversmith named Demetrius god upset.

Demetrius: I don't like this Paul guy one little bit!

Narrator #1: You see, Demetrius made lots of money selling little silver statues of a made-up goddess name Artimes.

Demetrius: No one is gonna buy my little statues anymore!

Narrator #2: So he gathered his friends and coworkers.

Demetrius: My friends!

People: (Together) Yes!

Demetrius: We make lots of money, don't we?

People: (Together) Oh, yeah!

Demetrius: But now Paul is telling people that his God is the best, right?

People: (Together) Right!

Demetrius: And lots of people are believing him, right

People: (Together) Right!

Demetrius: And people might stop coming to worship our goddess, right?

People: (Together) Right...

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Demetrius: And they might stop buying our little silvers statues!

People: (Together) Aha...aha...we see what you mean...

Narrator #1: His friends go gall upset and started to yell,

People: (Together) Artemis of Ephesus is the great goddess! Artemis of Ephesus is the great goddess!

Narrator #1: They grabbed two of Paul's friends and rushed them into the stadium.

Narrator #2: Paul wanted to calm things down. But his friends held him back.

Narrator #1: Paul said, "Let me in there! I'll quiet the crowd!"

Narrator #2: His friends said, "No, Paul! It's too dangerous!"

People: (Together) Artemis of Ephesus is the great goddess! Artemis of Ephesus is the great goddess!

Narrator #1: Some people were yelling one thing...

Person #1: ONE THING!

Narrator #1: And others were yelling something else...

Person #2: Boogie, floogie, ma-googie!

Narrator #1: I said they were yelling something else.

Person #2: I know. And "boogie, floogie, ma-googie" is something else!

Narrator #1: I'll say...Anyway, most of the people there didn't even know what was going on!

People: (Together) We don't know what's going on!

Narrator #2: But the friends of Demetrius kept right on yelling—

People: (Together) Artemis of Ephesus is the great goddess! Artemis of Ephesus is the great goddess!

Narrator #1: The whole town was there. Everything was getting out of control.

Narrator #2: Until, finally a man name Alexander went up on stage—

People: (Together) Boo! Boo!

Narrator #1: He held up his hand for everyone to be quiet—

People: (Together) Boo! Boo!

Narrator #2: But it didn't work.

People: (Together) Boo! Boo!

Narrator #1: Because the people saw he was a Jew, just like Paul, and they kept yelling over and over---

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People: (Together) Artemis of Ephesus is the great goddess! Artemis of Ephesus is the great goddess!

Narrator #1: This wen on for two hours—

People: (Together) Artemis of Ephesus is the great—

Narrator #1: Um, we're not gonna do it for two hours today.

People: (Together) Aha...aha...we see what you mean...

Narrator #2: Finally, on of the town leaders calmed everyone down.

Leader: Quiet everyone! Calm down! Let me say something!

Demetrius: Shhh!

Leader: Everyone knows that we're the ones who care for the temple of Artemis—

People: (Together) Artemis of Ephesus is the great goddess! Artemis of Ephesus is the great goddess!

Leader: Yeah, so I've heard. But these men haven't stolen anything, right?

People: (Together) Right!

Leader: They haven't robbed you, right?

People: (Together) Right!

Leader: They haven't even made fun of our goodness, right?

People: (Together) Right!

Leader: So if anyone wants to use them, take them to court!

People: (Together) Take it to the Judge. Take it to the Judge!

Leader: Right! But for now, everyone go home. We have no reason to get all carried away here!

People: (Together) Take to the Judge. Take it to the Judge!

Leader: Right, we've been over that... Now go on home! We don't want to start a riot!

Narrator #2: So, finally, everyone went home.

Narrator #1: Whew.

Narrator #2: No kidding...and when it was all done, Paul encouraged the believers.

Narrator #1: He said, "Don't be upset; God is with you. He loves you and will take care of you!"

Narrator #2: Aha...aha...we see what you mean...

Narrator #1: Paul said good bye to his friends.

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Narrator #2: Then Paul went to another city to share the good news of Jesus with them.

Everyone: (Together) The End!

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Why was Demetrius so upset?
- What was he trying to do when he spoke to the crowds of people?
- How did God use the Leader to calm the crowd down?
- What did Paul do after the angry crowd went home?

#### SIMPLIFIED LESSON OPTIONS

- *Tell the account of the Riot in Ephesus from Acts 19 in simple story form or read it from a children's bible.*
- *Ask 2-3 of the simpler discussion questions.*

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## CRAFT

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#### OBJECTIVE: WHIMSICAL YARN HEARTS

Make colorful heart mobile

#### MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EM

- Scissors, staplers, hole punches

#### DIRECTIONS

- Draw a large heart on the cardboard
- Draw a smaller heart inside the large heart
- Cut out the hearts so that you have a large heart with an empty center.
- Tape one end of yarn to the heart and begin winding it around the heart. Change colors along the way.
- When yarn is covering entire heart tie or tape the end down
- Tie string or ribbon to the top
- Make several and attach by string (optional)

#### MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- Cereal box type cardboard (several per child)
- Yarn of various colors
- String or ribbon
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#### EXAMPLE



#### SIMPLIFIED CRAFT OPTIONS

- Use thick or fluffy yarn for easier coverage of the cardboard
- Use variegated yarn instead of switching yarn colors



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## GAME

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#### OBJECTIVE: QUESTION CONTEST

Listen to the question. Run to the “yes” or “no” chair to score points for your team

#### MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- You will need to find 2 chairs on location
- List of prepared questions

#### DIRECTIONS

- Divide kids into two equal groups
- Have teams sit in a row on the ground so that the two teams are facing each other about 4 feet apart
- Assign a number to each child, assign the same numbers to each team so that 1's sit across from each other, 2's sit across from each other, etc.
- Place an empty chair on each end of the row of kids, designate one to be the “yes” chair and one to be “no”
- Ask a question that can be answered “yes” or “no” then call out a number.
- Players with the correct number races to the correct chair. First player to sit in the correct chair scores a point for their team.

#### SAMPLE QUESTIONS

- Did Demetrius make stone statues?
- Is it good to worship a goddess?
- Is the sky blue?
- Is the bible true?
- Is your hair purple?
- Do books swim?



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