



Tentmaking for Jesus

Bible Treasure: Acts 18:1-3

Have you ever seen tents made from animal skin? Aquila and Priscilla were known as tentmakers. There were no sewing machines, so they sewed large tents by hand with huge needles. Tentmaking was a good job for them to bring home money.

They were a loving Christian couple. Paul, also a tentmaker, met Aquila and Priscilla when he was traveling to different cities. They welcomed Paul into their home and worked with him in the city of Corinth. Priscilla and Aquila also made tents with Paul. As they all worked together, Paul would share God's Word with them. They

learned a lot from Paul. Paul stayed a long time in Corinth and continued sharing the gospel during that time. Aquila and Priscilla wanted to help Paul teach the Word of God to others. They enjoyed it so much that they decided to go on a mission trip with Paul. It would be a new experience, but they were happy to share how good God was to them.

"Paul has been such a good friend to us. I'm so excited that we are joining him on this mission trip," Priscilla exclaimed joyfully.

Aquila agreed with Priscilla. "Yes, God has been blessing us through this ministry of tentmaking and friendships." Paul, Aquila, and Priscilla packed up their belongings to go on the mission trip. They traveled by boat to share the gospel with as many people as they could. It was like a tour of many cities, to share the love of God.

They landed at Ephesus, which was one of the largest cities at that time.

They would travel to different places telling people about Jesus. People were very excited to hear about the Word of God, and many people believed and became Christians. It must have been such an amazing sight to see crowds come to hear about God.

Aquila, Priscilla, and Paul stayed for a while in Ephesus. Paul left Aquila and Priscilla behind in Ephesus to continue traveling and sharing the Word of God. Many people turned their hearts and lives to God and became Christians. Because of the hospitality of Aquila and Priscilla to Paul and many others, people came to know the one true God. There are many ways that we can share the good news about God too. God can give you a talent or gift to help others. You can serve God through music, preaching, teaching, sewing clothes, or many other ways.

IT'S YOUR TURN

- Have you ever traveled on a world tour of countries or maybe visited some states where you live? Did you meet new people and taste interesting foods?
- If you can't travel to many places, can you still tell others about Jesus? Suggest some ways.
- Do you have friends that can help you share the love of God? What creative ideas could you come up with together?