

PAUL & SILAS SANG TO GOD

—Based on Acts 16:16-34

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- The men took Paul and Silas to the city officials. They told the officials that Paul and Silas were disturbing their city. Paul and Silas were put in jail. The jailer put chains on them.
- While in jail, Paul and Silas prayed and sang songs to God. Suddenly, there was an earthquake. All the doors of the jail opened and everyone's chains fell off.
- The jailer was afraid that the men had escaped. Paul called out to the jailer, "Don't worry. We are still here. We have not left." The jailer was afraid. He asked Paul and Silas about Jesus.
- Paul told the jailer everything he knew about Jesus. The jailer invited the men to his home. He washed their wounds and fed them food. The jailer and his family believed everything Paul said about Jesus.
- **Ask: "Why were Paul and Silas sent to jail? What happened after they sang in jail? How did the jailer respond to what Paul said?" Say that Paul and Silas were missionaries. Tell kids that missionaries are people who tell about God and Jesus in our country and around the world.**
- **Pray. Thank God for missionaries who tell about Jesus around the world. Thank God for people at your church who tell about Jesus.**

WRITE A SONG

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- KIDS ACTIVITY SHEET
- MUSIC
- SHAKERS
- MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
- PAPER
- MARKERS
- PHONE TO TAKE VIDEOS
- Mention that Paul and Silas sang songs in a prison. Even though it could have been a scary or dangerous situation, they still prayed and sang praise songs to God.
- Challenge the kids to write a song about God or Jesus. If they need help, suggest they make a song from the Weekly Verse or Life Point.
- Provide familiar tunes for them to sing the words to such as "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" or "Row, Row, Row Your Boat."
- Comment that singing and writing songs are a way to tell people about Jesus. Record a video of the kids singing and playing instruments with the song, if possible.
- Send your songs to Shannon at shannon.porter@rslcs.org

UNIT VERSE

Go and tell the good news about Jesus.

—MARK 16:15



Paul told about Jesus wherever he went and at all times. Missionaries today tell about people in many places and at all times. Look at these pictures and tell what the missionaries are doing or how they are telling about Jesus.

A large yellow clipboard with a blue clip at the top. It contains five empty rectangular boxes, each preceded by a small square checkbox. Below the boxes is a blue cloud graphic.

Sometimes missionaries face dangerous situations or challenges as they tell the good news about Jesus. Pray for the Waller family in Madagascar this week. Check a box each time you pray.

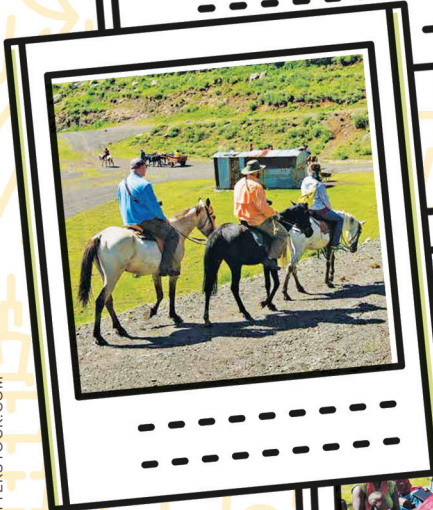


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CONVERSATION

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THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today your child learned that people can tell about Jesus at all times. Paul and Silas were chained in prison, but they sang praises to God. The jailer heard them and became a believer.

LIVE IT OUT

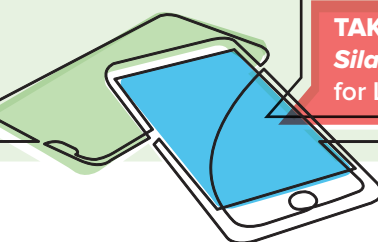
Review the Bible story with your child. Tell him that Paul and Silas told about Jesus while they were singing. Help your child think of other ways and times to tell about Jesus such as praying in a restaurant or telling people in a store that Jesus loves them.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Missionaries tell people about God and Jesus in my country and in other countries.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Romans 8:28
Monday: 2 Corinthians 1:4
Tuesday: Psalm 94:19
Wednesday: Romans 15:5
Thursday: Matthew 5:4
Friday: 2 Timothy 1:7
Saturday: Romans 8:15



TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out the *Paul and Silas Sang to God* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.