

FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

Paul & Silas in Prison

WHAT YOU NEED

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- Charade cards (printed) - you can also write your own charade cards on pieces of paper.
- Timer

LET'S READ THE BIBLE

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Have someone in your family read the following passage:

- Acts 16:16-40

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Paul and Silas were beaten and put in prison because they were teaching about Jesus. What would you feel like if you were hurt and put into chains in a prison for doing the right thing? Instead of getting angry or upset, Paul and Silas joyfully sang praises to God.

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As they were singing, God sent an earthquake that opened the door of the prison and made the chains fall off of Paul and Silas. Paul and Silas were free! But they did not run away.

The prison guard didn't know that none of the prisoners had escaped. He got really afraid because he knew that he would probably be killed for letting Paul and Silas escape. The prison guard was about to kill himself but then Paul and Silas stopped him and said that they were all still there.

The prison guard was impressed with their honesty and fairness and joy and he asked them what he must do to be saved. Paul taught the prison guard and his family about Jesus and they decided to get baptised. After this the prison guard fed Paul and Silas and took care of their wounds.

When we live honourably and joyfully, we are sharing Jesus with others. We can share Jesus with others just by how we live. People notice how we act and this may make them wonder more about us and why we do what is right at all costs. Actions always speak louder than words!

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

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- Why were Paul and Silas put in jail?
- What did Paul and Silas do in jail that was so unusual?
- What did Paul and Silas do when their chains fell off?
- What did the jailer do for Paul and Silas?
- What did Paul and Silas do for the jailer and his family?

NOW WHAT?

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- People notice how we act and what we say. That is one way we can share Jesus with anyone you meet. Brainstorm some ways that we as a family can tell others about Jesus through our actions and words.

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN

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- Print out or write out the charade cards.
- Family members take turns to draw a charade card. Read what is on the charade card (help younger kids if needed) and then you need to act out what the charade card says without talking or making any sounds.
- Each family member has one minute to act out what is on their charade card while the rest of the family guesses what they are acting out.
- Play as many rounds as you like or until the cards are finished.