

## BIBLE STORY

Paul and Silas Are Delivered from Jail Acts 16:16-40

## BIG TRUTH

God is Deliverer. He rescues His children.

## NOTE TO PARENTS

As you read about the story of Paul and Silas, consider how they were content in prison. They were satisfied in God as their Deliverer.

Consider your life and some of the challenges you have faced, or are facing. Spend time praying that God would make it clear to you that He has already delivered you. Pray for the contentment of Paul and Silas, that you could sing and praise God for what He has already done in your life, regardless of your circumstances.

Pray that your heart would truly believe what Paul says in Romans 8:38-39: "For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

## TIME

Centering the home on God's Word

## After this week's lesson, ask:

1. What attribute of God did you learn about today? God is deliverer.
2. What does it mean for God to be deliverer? God rescues His children.
3. Who did God rescue in today's story? He rescued Paul and Silas from jail. He also rescued the jailer and his family from sin because they believed in Jesus.
4. How does knowing that God is deliverer help us to trust Him? We can trust that God will always deliver His children. His children are those who believe Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for sin, and was raised from the dead. Even though they may face scary or hard things on this earth, they can trust that God has already delivered them from sin and death!!

Read Acts 16:25-34 as a family. Talk about which testament, book, chapter, and verse this passage is found in.

1. What words in this passage do you not recognize or understand?

- Hymn - a kind of song
- Unfastened - loosened
- Trembling - when your body shakes because you are afraid
- Wounds - bruises, scrapes, and cuts on the body
- Baptized - when someone stands up in the water, goes all the way under the water, and comes back up out of the water. Baptism is a symbol that shows others that a person has been saved from their sin by trusting Jesus.

2. What did Paul and Silas do while they were in prison? They sang songs and prayed to God.
3. How did God rescue Paul and Silas from prison? He caused an earthquake to loosen their chains!

Spend time reading the following verses:
Romans 8:38-39
Psalm 109:21
Psalm 116:8-9
Colossians 1:13-14 Ephesians 2:4-5

## MOMENTS <br> Proclaiming the truth as you go

- Take 10 minutes this week to talk with your kids about other stories of deliverance in the Bible. They have probably heard many of these stories if they have been in Kids Village! Talk about God delivering the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, God delivering Jonah from the whale, and God delivering Peter from prison (just a few chapters before Paul and Silas are delivered from prison).
- Over a snack or dinner, share stories of God's deliverance with your children. These stories can be personal testimonies, or stories from family members, friends, or people you have heard about, such as missionaries.
- Visit the Voice of the Martyrs website and share with your children about what is happening in churches around the world where it is against the law to worship God. Pray for Christians in those countries!

PRAY TOGETHER AS A FAMILY Praise God that He is deliverer! Thank Him that He sent Jesus to rescue His children from sin and death. Confess that sometimes you don't trust God when things are hard or scary. Ask Him to help you trust that He is a good and sovereign deliverer!

## MEMORY VERSE

Rejoice always, pray
thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18 (ESV)

