

Paul and Silas in Prison

Paul was arrested many times. One time, he was thrown into prison with his friend Silas for helping a young woman. Instead of complaining, they sang hymns and prayed. Read the story in Acts 16.

Key Points:

- People might not like it when we do the right thing.
- God can use bad things for good.
- God is always with His children.

Just like Paul and Silas, we should not worry if people don't like us for doing the right thing.

Play a game where you allow the child to identify whether someone is being disliked for doing the right thing or the wrong thing. For example, a little boy slaps someone and they don't like him. Is he being disliked for doing the right thing? No. A little boy tells his friend he won't steal a cookie for him. The friend dislikes him for not stealing. Is the little boy disliked for doing the right thing or the wrong thing? Continue giving examples and discussing the difference between being hated for doing the right thing or the wrong thing.

Talk about things your child might complain about. Explain that Paul and Silas had a lot of reasons to whine. They were being punished for helping a girl. They were in pain. They were locked in a jail. Instead of complaining, Paul and Silas prayed and sang hymns to God.

Challenge your child to try praying or singing the next time they are tempted to complain or whine.

God can use bad things for good. Get out some pieces of coloured paper. Talk about how perfect they are. How smooth and unwrinkled. Begin to tear up the papers. They are no longer smooth and perfect. We might see tearing up the papers as bad, but with the smaller pieces, we can create a beautiful mosaic. Glue the small pieces onto paper to create a mosaic.

Sometimes, we see things that happen to us as destroying something that we think is perfect, but God is really preparing the pieces to make a beautiful mosaic.

God is always with His children. He promised He would never leave them or forsake them. Place the child in a room where their shadow is visible and point the shadow out to them. Have them walk back and forth in the room. Their shadow stays with them all the time. Depending on where the light is, the shadow will change and sometimes even disappear. We might not always be able to see our shadow, but it is always right there ready to appear again when the light is right. Take a walk around the house or neighbourhood and find shadows. God is always with us, just like our shadows. Sometimes, during dark and scary times, we might not see Him, but He is still there with us. We don't have to be afraid.

Memory Verse:

Acts 16:25

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing songs to God. The other prisoners were listening to them.

- Paul and Silas in Prison story
- Sheep activities
- Older children activity
- Colouring page
- Lesson activity sheet

Resources

Worship

God is good

<https://youtu.be/vt6TsIAHIgs>

O Taste and see

<https://youtu.be/FJdFKYZRxcM>

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What key points did you learn today?

Memory Verse

Can you think of a time you did the right thing even though others weren't?

Prayer Requests