

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church Preschool Sunday School Material for August 23, 2020

Dear Preschool Parents,

The Preschool Sunday School lesson for Sunday, August 23 focuses on Paul and Silas being in jail but still singing and praising God because they knew that God was with them. Scripture reference is: Acts 16:16-40 (Main point to take away – We can sing and praise God even when we are sad, mad, or scared. Question – What song do you like to sing to praise God?)

Use the information below to share the story together and do follow up activities with your child(ren). As you share the story, also have a Bible available and show your child(ren) where it is located.

Center yourself for your time together by singing:

Time to Get Together

(Tune: The More We Get Together)

It's time to get together, together, together.
It's time to get together and listen right now.
'Cause we'll hear a story that's found in the Bible.
It's time to get together and listen right now.

Read the Bible story together (Singing for God):



Singing for God
Shout triumphantly to the LORD, all the earth!
(Psalm 100:1)

Read the Bible Story Together: Follow the Suggested Motions



Today we will hear a story about a man named Paul.
(Cup hand around ear.)

Paul had a friend named Silas who traveled with Paul.
(Walk fingers.)

They told many people that God loves them all. (Hug yourself.)

One day Paul and Silas found themselves in jail, but they didn't mind at all. (Shake head no.)

Paul and Silas trusted God, and they began to sing.
(Sing, "Praise God; praise God.")

An earthquake came and set them free. (Jump up and down.)

The jailer was afraid the prisoners would escape.
(Shake and act afraid.)

Paul and Silas shared Jesus with their friend and did not leave.
(Shake head no.)

"Come home with me," said the jailer, "and share with my family."
(Motion to come.)

Based on
Acts 16:16-40

Follow-Up Activities:

Discussion:

Say: Paul and Silas traveled around and spread the word about God's love and what Jesus taught them to everyone. The Roman government did not like people sharing their faith in God with others. So they put Paul and Silas in jail. Paul and Silas could have been mad and they may have been scared.

Ask: But, no matter how they felt, they knew that God was with them and so how did they thank God for being there with them?

Ask: How do you thank God for always being with you? Do you sing praises to Him? What do you like to sing when you do?

Curriculum Video: (This week's lesson will be E12: Singing for God)

Both of the following links will get you to the same place

(Long URL) <https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify/series/unitedmethodistpublishinghouse/35799-deep-blue-connects-adventure-summer-2020/35802-lessons/114923-singing-for-god>

(short URL) <https://tinyurl.com/yxm5jatr>

Songs:

Offer Praise (Song Option)

(Tune: "She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain.")

Let all those who seek the Lord offer praise!

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Every part of God's creation,

every family, every nation.

Let all those who seek the Lord offer praise!

God Is With Me (Song Option)

(Tune: *Jesus Loves Me*)

God is with me, this I know.

For the Bible tells me so

He will help me every day

At my home or school or play.

Yes, God is with me;

Yes, God is with me,

Yes, God is with me.

The Bible tells me so.

Finger Plays & Action Rhymes:

Paul & Silas Bible Story Rhyme (Active Story Rhyme Option)

Paul and Silas were locked up tight, (*Hold wrists together as if shackled*)

Even though they did things right. (*Give the "O.K." sign*)

They shared Jesus with the guards, (*Point to lips*)

Accepting Jesus isn't hard. (*Point to your heart*)

Paper Craft Activities:

- **Paul and Silas in Prison** – Print off the paper craft activity (*second to last page*), cut along the red lines and fold the door along the dotted blue line. Get an additional sheet of paper and glue the frame of the door to the paper and then glue Paul and Silas behind the door on the paper too.
- **Temple Coloring sheet** (*See the last page for this color sheet.*) – Print off the coloring sheet. Have your child(ren) find the other prisoners in the pictures. They listened and saw how much Paul and Silas loved God.

Blessing and Prayer Time:

Blessing: Have your child hold out their hand and trace a heart on the back of their hand as you say the following; (*You can also use something like lip balm, soap, lotion, etc. to draw a heart on the back of their hand as you say the following blessing.*)

Say: _____ (child's name), **God loves you. God remembers you. God is always with you.**

Prayer: (It might be something like)

Dear God, I love to list Your name in songs and praise. Help me share my faith with others as I do. Amen

Faith Family Follow-Up activities to use through the week:

DEEP BLUE CONNECTS **Loving God, 12** SESSION **Loving Neighbor**

Faith Family Activities



Mealtime

Be Together: Make homemade ice cream. Add your favorite fruit or have a sundae bar. Invite over your friends.

Wonder Together: What would have been a special treat for Jesus?



Worship Time

Be Together: Gather around your home worship center and share one thing you believe about Jesus. Sing, "God's Love Is Like" (Bible Story Sheets Songs and Poem).

Pray Together: Thank you, God, for our voices to praise you. Amen.



Family Time

Be Together: Lie in the backyard and look for shapes in the clouds.

Wonder Together: Are clouds ever scary? What do you do when the clouds look scary?



Bedtime

Be Together: Read "Singing for God" on the back of this sheet and do the suggested motions.

Pray Together: What is one thing you want to give praise for today?

Suggested Family Serving Time activities:

- A. **Donate diapers** to the church for our monthly diaper drive.
- B. The **children's book donation** that I previously mentioned will continue through the end of August or end of September. These books can be used right away.
- C. **Chalk the Lot! A 'thank you' to health care workers (THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 23)**
Help decorate the top deck of the parking garage (Parking Lot #2) on Sunday, Aug. 23rd as a way to say "Thank You" to our healthcare workers who have been such amazing heroes throughout this pandemic!
Choose a time and come decorate a designated parking spot between Noon and 8pm.
Here is a link to the Sign-Up Genius to select a time to come!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a49aeac2da4f49-chalk>

Help Us Thank Our Healthcare Workers

CHALK THE LOT

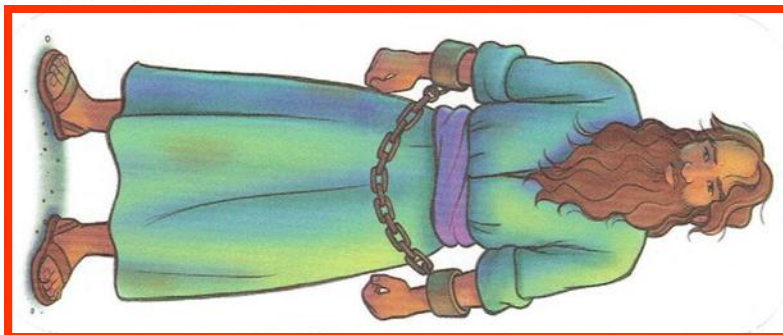
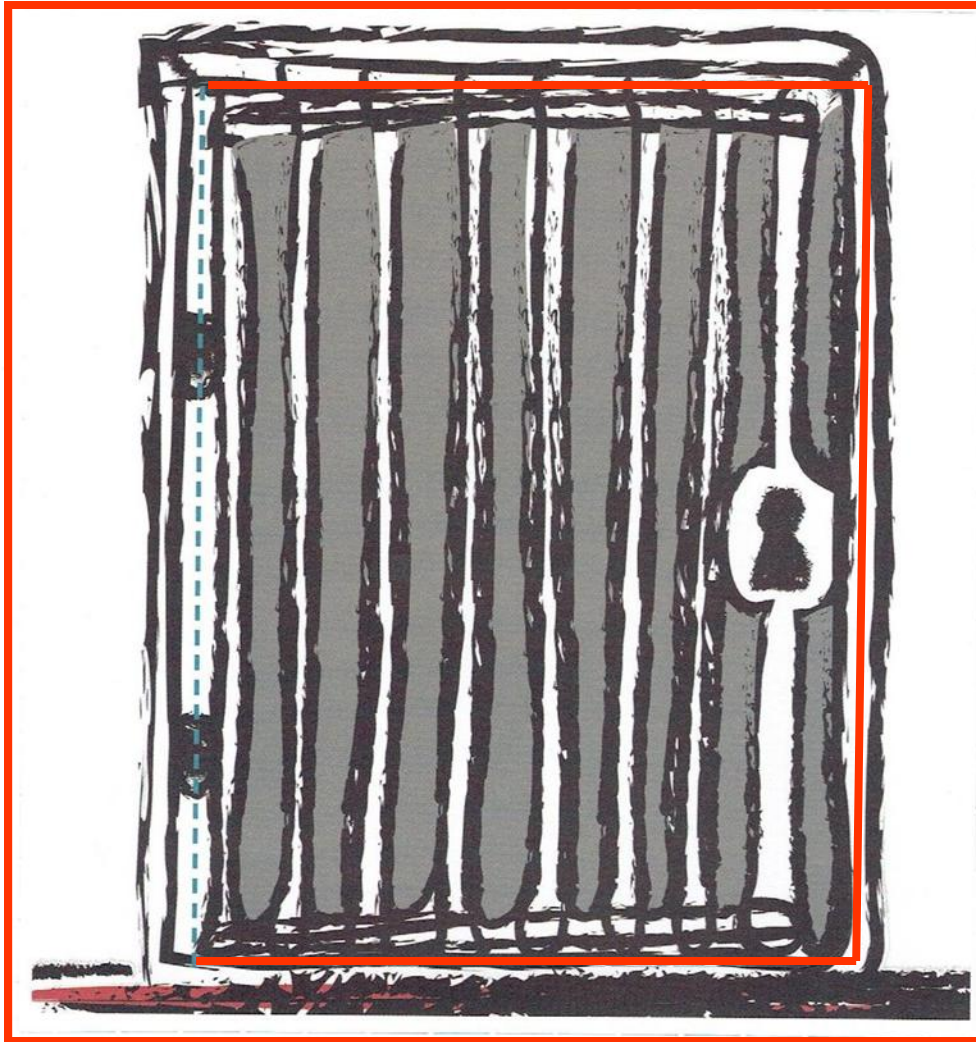
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 | NOON to 8PM | PHUMC LOT 2



Remember to gather at 10:30am to watch our Sunday morning service on KATV!

Paul and Silas in Prison

Punch out the three figures below: Paul and Silas and the prison door. Then carefully further separate the prison door at the top, bottom, and right, folding the door open along the blue dotted line. Glue Paul and Silas close together on a piece of construction paper. Glue the prison door (frame only!) "over" the two men. When the door is opened, you should be able to see Paul and Silas.





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Paul and Silas were singing and praising God even when they were in jail!
They knew God was with them in hard times as well as in good times.