

Paul and Silas

Bible Verse

Change your hearts and lives. (Acts 2:38)

Did You Know?

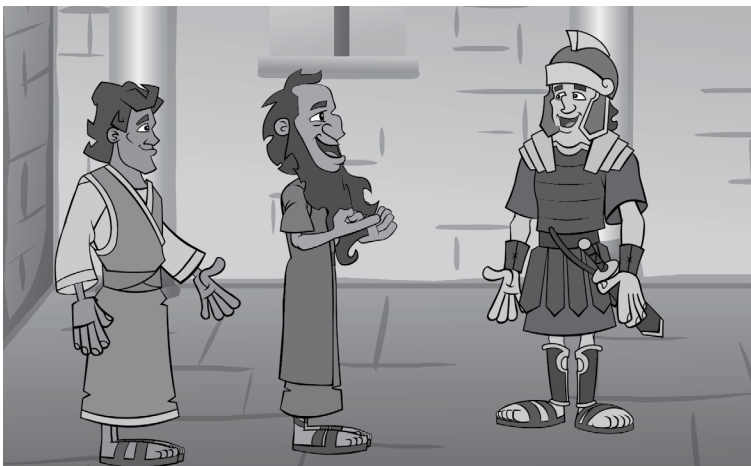
Everywhere Paul went he searched for opportunities to preach and share the good news. Paul's news wasn't always welcome, however. During Paul's conversion experience, God told Ananias that Paul would have to suffer and sometimes he did. In this week's Bible story we read about one of the multiple times Paul was put in prison.

Paul was thrown into prison for healing a slave woman. While healing a woman sounds like a good thing to do, especially for the woman concerned, the woman's owners were not pleased. Once the slave woman was healed, they were no longer able to use the woman as a fortune-teller to make money for them. The owners' indignation with Paul and Silas was motivated by greed.

The experience of Paul and Silas in prison illustrates Paul's zealotry in spreading the good news. While Paul and Silas were in prison, there was an earthquake which opened the prison doors and broke their chains. Presented with an opportunity to escape, Paul and Silas instead stayed and witnessed to the jailer.

It might be tempting to applaud Paul's efforts and then sit back and assume that the work of spreading the good news is done. However, there are still people today who need to hear this good news—the news that Jesus is alive and that God loves them.

Fellowship with others and education were central to Paul's ministry of encouragement and spreading the good news. When we gather together as a community of faith for worship and Sunday school, we are recognizing what Paul knew, that for the church to grow and thrive, people need to meet together and learn about God. When we invite others to join us at church, we are helping spread the good news.



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Bible Story

Acts 16:16-40

Anchor Point

Knowing Jesus changes your heart and life.

Your Lesson

JUMP IN:

- ☐ Welcome
- ☐ Escape
- ☐ Paul & Silas
- ☐ Just the Bible

DIVE DEEPER:

- ☐ Deep Blue Bible Adventure

- ☐ Paul and Silas

GROW STRONGER:

- ☐ Retelling the Story
- ☐ Learn & Serve with the Deep Blue Kids
- ☐ Changed

WORSHIP:

- ☐ Prayer and Praise
- ☐ Bible Stories & Stuff





JUMP IN!

After welcoming the children, lead them into the Bible story with at least one of the following activities.



≈ TIP ≈

Do you run out of time for all the activities? Begin by choosing one or two activities under each heading, then add other activities as you have time.

WELCOME

Supplies: Class Stuff—pp. 2 & 31, Adventure DVD; DVD player; offering basket



Hang the Attendance Chart (Class Stuff—pp. 2 & 31) at eye level.

- Play “Changing Hearts, Changing Minds” (Adventure DVD), as you welcome each child.
- Show the children where to place their offerings and ask them to record their attendance on the chart.

ESCAPE

Supplies: Kids Stuff—p. 23, pens or pencils

- Hand out “Escape” (p. 23) and pens or pencils. Encourage each child to complete the puzzle.

PAUL & SILAS

Supplies: Kids Stuff—p. 24, pens or pencils

- Hand out “Paul & Silas” (p. 24) and pens or pencils. Encourage each child to complete the puzzle.

JUST THE BIBLE

Supplies: Class Stuff—pp. 8 & 25, 22



Hang the “Unit 3 Bible Verse” and “Unit 3 Bible Verse Signs” posters (pp. 8 & 25, 22).

- Read the verse together and teach the children the signs for the verse.
- Have the children sign and say the Bible Verse with you several times.

DIVE DEEPER

DEEP BLUE BIBLE ADVENTURE

Supplies: Bible Stories and Stuff—“Songbook,” Adventure DVD, DVD player, TV or projector and screen

- Hand out the “Songbook” (Bible Stories & Stuff). Using the songbook, invite the children to sing along with “Changing Hearts, Changing Minds” (Adventure DVD).


SAY: Aurora tells the Deep Blue Kids about the snow and singing songs. Kat shares a story of Paul and Silas singing songs. Let’s see the video.

- Show the children the Adventure DVD for today’s session.



PAUL AND SILAS

Supplies: CEB Kids Bibles, Class Stuff—pp. 20 & 13

 Hang the poster “Change Your Hearts Collage” (pp. 20 & 13).

SAY: Our Scripture reading for today is Acts 16:16-40. As we hear the story, think about your own faith in God. Let’s mime the story. As I read the story, each of you will act out a different part.

- Assign parts and present the story.

ASK: I wonder:

- How the jailer felt when he saw Paul and Silas still in the jail?
- What it would have been like to listen to Paul and Silas sing hymns?
- What hymns do you know?
- How you felt experiencing the story?
- How God is working in this story?

GROW STRONGER

RETELLING THE STORY

Supplies: paper, markers, connecting blocks, fabric, clay, any other miscellaneous items that are available for telling the story

SAY: Our Scripture story today teaches us about sharing God’s love with others. Paul was very good about telling people about God’s love. We are going to retell the story in our own way. We have paper, building blocks, fabric, and other items. You decide what you want to use and how you want to retell the Scripture story. You can tell the whole story or just part of it. You can tell the story as we heard it or in today’s language and situations. How you retell the story is your choice. You will have a few minutes to work, then we will take turns sharing with the class.

LEARN AND SERVE


Supplies: Bible Stories & Stuff—session 11

- Hand out the Bible Stories & Stuff session 11.

SAY: Our Deep Blue Kids are still learning a lot about Alaska. Today they have been talking about singing hymns. In Alaska, people practice throat singing. There is more information in our Bible Stories & Stuff session 11. Let’s read together.

CHANGED

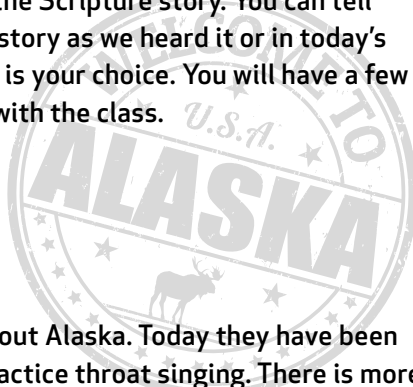
Supplies: Leader Guide—p. 71, white fabric squares, permanent markers, rubbing alcohol, bowl

 Copy “Changed” (p. 71) for each child.



≈ TIP ≈

If you still have students without parts, invite them to be the family and other prisoners.



SAY: The jailer was changed when he saw that Paul and Silas did not escape. Paul told the jailer about God's love and the jailer knew his life was different. Today we are going to create a change.


- Give each child a white fabric square and permanent markers.
- Direct children to color your fabric square however they wish using a variety of colors.
- After they have finished coloring, dip the square into a bowl of rubbing alcohol. You do not need much alcohol, just a little.
- As you dip your square into the alcohol, you can watch the design change.
- After you have observed the change, lay the square out to dry. It will not take long to see the new created design.

WORSHIP

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Supplies: CEB Kids Bible, Leader Guide—p. 72, Deep Blue Adventure DVD, Bible Stories and Stuff—"Songbook," DVD player, TV or projector and screen, table, fabric for covering table, candle, cross on the table, hymnals



 Copy "Hymns" (p. 72) for each child.

- Sing together "Changing Hearts, Changing Minds" (DVD).

SAY: As we gather together for worship, let's remember our anchor point today is "Knowing Jesus changes your heart and life." Our anchor point helps us to remember we need to tell the world about the Resurrection. While thinking about what it means to tell the world about Jesus, let's light our candle for worship.

(Light the candle.)

SAY: Paul and Silas sang hymns together while in jail. Singing hymns is a great way to share God's love. We have hymnals here for us to look at. Using your handout "Hymns," look through the hymnal.

ASK: Can you find the different kinds of hymns in the hymnal?

- Write down the names of the hymns as you find them.

ASK: Are there any prayer requests for this week?

PRAY: God of all of creation, thank you that we are able to tell the world about you. Thank you that singing hymns helps us to share your word. Amen.

SAY: Remember to take home your Bible Stories & Stuff for session 11.



TIP

Do you have children waiting at the end of class? Check out the Deep Blue app at the QR code below.



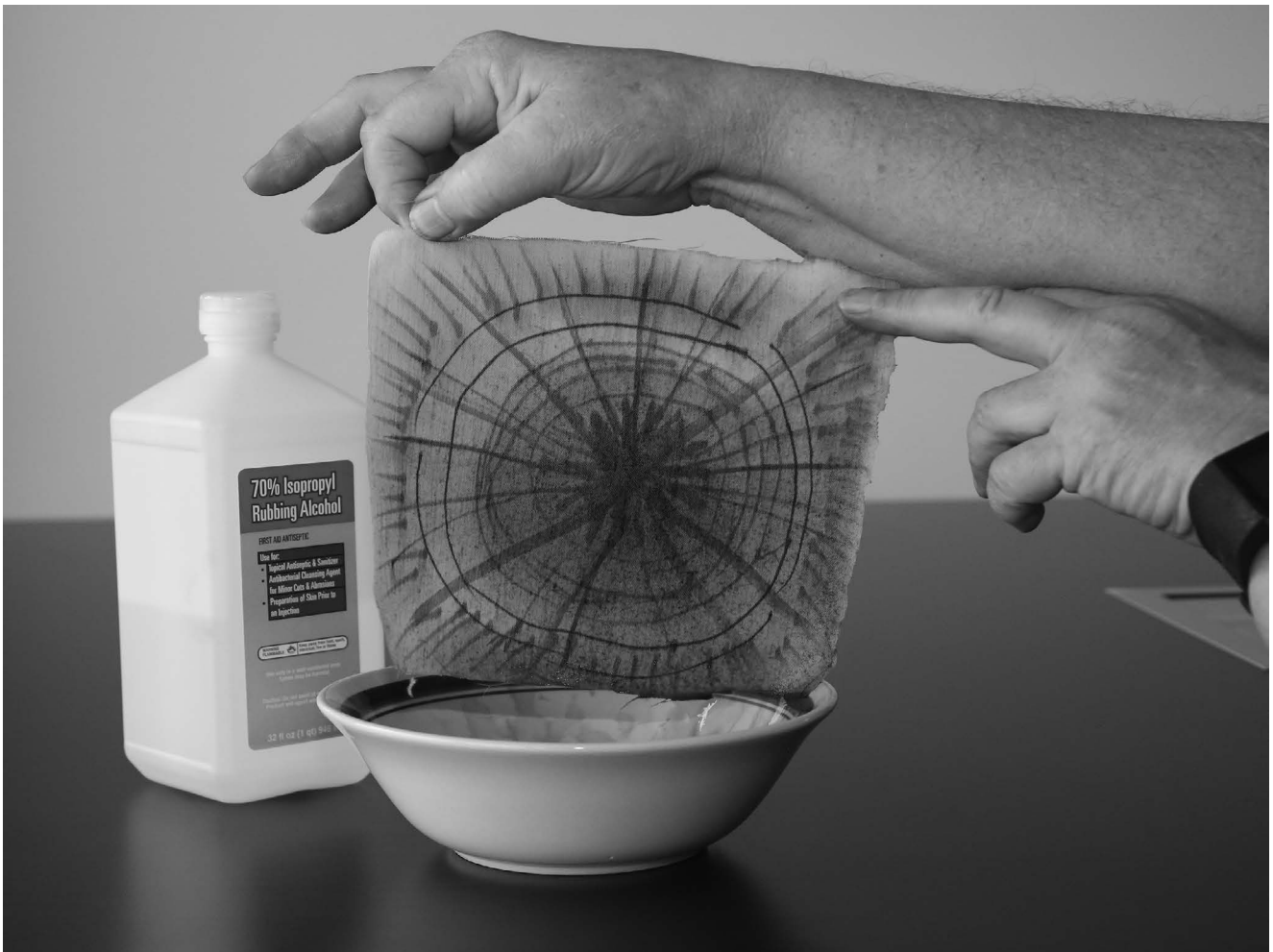
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Hymns

List hymns of Scripture.

List hymns for Christmas.

List hymns for Easter.

List hymns for closing worship.

List hymns for Communion.

List hymns for baptisms.

List hymns for prayer.



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