



WEEK  
**TWO**  
JULY 2023

SMALL GROUP  
**3-5** YEAR  
-OLDS

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

## MADE TO CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



## 2. STORY ART

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Story Sentences" Activity Pages, cardstock, markers, crayons, and color pencils

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Story Sentences" on cardstock, one per child.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Give each child a "Story Sentences" Activity Page. Read each story sentence and encourage the children to draw a picture to go with them in the spaces provided.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Talk about how Jesus gave Paul and Silas the power to choose joy, even though they were not in a joyful place.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Hi, friends! Come sit with me. We're going to draw today's Bible story!"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "In our Bible story, we learned about a time when Paul and Silas chose joy and sang to Jesus, even though they were in a place that makes people sad. Let's draw today's story on this page. *(Give each child an activity page.)* I'll read part of the story, then you can draw a picture to go with what I read.

*(Read the story sentences slowly, one at a time. Give the children time to draw after you read each sentence.)* Paul and Silas moved here, there, and everywhere, telling people that Jesus wants to be their friend forever. *(Pause.)*

"Some people got mad and put Paul and Silas in jail. Paul and Silas chose joy and sang to Jesus anyway! *(Pause.)*

"The ground shook, and the door of the jail opened. Paul and Silas stayed and told the guard about Jesus, then the guard followed Jesus, too!" *(When the children finish drawing, read the story sentences one more time together.)*

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Wow! Paul and Silas sang songs to Jesus while they were in jail! And when Jesus is our friend forever, He will give us the power to choose joy, too! **Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever!"**

## BIBLE STORY

Jesus helps us choose joy.

**PAUL AND SILAS ARE  
THROWN INTO PRISON  
ACTS 16:16-40**

## MEMORY VERSE

"Walk in the way of love,  
just as Christ loved us."

**EPHESIANS 5:2, NIV**

## KEY QUESTION

Who wants to be  
your friend forever?

## BOTTOM LINE

Jesus wants to be  
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## BASIC TRUTH

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## MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal  
application and prayer



## 6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Memory Verse Card" from Week One  
paperclipped in Bible, journal, and a fun-shaped pen

### BIBLE STORY

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**PAUL AND SILAS ARE  
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Now, let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.*) I don't know what Paul and Silas' favorite songs were, but today, we'll make a list of our favorite songs. Think about songs you like to sing. When I say your name, you can tell me one of them. (*Remember to print as you write in the journal so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

"These are some great songs! I know it makes Jesus happy to hear you sing to Him. Let's pray. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?" (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*)

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### PRAYER

**SGL:** "Dear God, Thank You for giving us Jesus. Thank You that Jesus gives us the power to choose joy. I pray we will choose to sing to Jesus here, there, and everywhere, no matter what. You're the best, God, and we love You! In Jesus' name, amen."

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