



Paul and Silas Acts 16:16-40

Memory Verse:
Your word is truth.
John 17:17 NIrV

The Bible story begins with two men named Paul and Silas. Paul and Silas were friends with Jesus, and they loved God. They told everyone everywhere that Jesus wanted to be their friend forever.

One day, some people who did not love Jesus got upset with Paul and Silas. They tried to stop Paul and Silas by putting them in jail!

Paul and Silas knew that even though they were in jail, God still loved them, and they could pray and talk to God. While Paul and Silas were praying and singing, everyone in the jail was listening to them. And then suddenly, the ground began to shake. It was an earthquake!

The earthquake shook the jail from top to bottom. And the doors of jail flew wide open! Paul and Silas could walk right out! But Paul and Silas did not leave. They stayed in the jail.

Paul and Silas spoke to the guard who was in charge of the jail. They told the guard that God loves him and that Jesus wants to be his friend forever. And the guard decided to love God and follow Jesus too.

Paul and Silas knew they could pray and talk to God anytime, anywhere, and about anything.

The Bible teaches us the best things!

Questions:

- **Who does the Bible story begin with?** (Two men named Paul and Silas.)
- **What did Paul and Silas tell everyone everywhere?** (That Jesus wanted to be their friend forever.)
- **How did the people who did not love Jesus tried to stop Paul and Silas?** (They put them in jail.)
- **What did Paul and Silas know?** (That even though they were

in jail, God still loved them, and they could pray and talk to God.

- **What happen while Paul and Silas were praying and singing in the jail.** (There was an earthquake.)
- **Did Paul and Silas leave when the earthquake shook the jail and the doors of the jail flew wide open?** (No.)
- **What did Paul and Silas do after the earthquake stopped?** (They spoke to the guard who was in charge of the jail.)
- **Why did the guard decide to love God and follow Jesus?** (Paul and Silas told the him that God loves him and that Jesus wants to be his friend forever.)
- **What did Paul and Silas know?** (That they could pray and talk to God anytime, anywhere, and about anything.)
- **What does the Bible teach us?** (The best things!)

Prayer:

Dear God, thank you for giving us the Bible so we can learn more about you. Thank you for hearing us when we pray. Help us remember that we can always talk to you—anytime, anywhere and about anything. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Parent Cue:

- **Morning Time:** When you go into your child's room, cuddle them and say: "Good morning! God's Word gives me joy and you do, too!"
- **Cuddle Time:** Cuddle with your child and pray: "God, thank You for telling us in Your Word, the Bible, how much You love us."
- **Drive Time:** While on the go, ask your child what they would want to write in a note to a friend or relative. Tell them that the Bible is like a letter to us, telling us about who God is and how much He loves us.
- **Bath Time:** Bring two action figures or Little People and a large plastic bowl into the tub. Put the tub over the figures upside down so they are trapped inside. Talk about how Paul and Silas talked to God when they were in jail and, God freed Paul and Silas from jail.