



The Night The

JAILHOUSE ROCKED

★ LESSONS FROM PAUL & SILAS ★



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INTRODUCTION

When you think about prison, you probably imagine being stuck behind bars, with no way out—a place nobody would ever want to be. Now, picture yourself there, not because you did something wrong, but because you did something good. That's exactly where we find Paul and Silas in this series.

We're zooming in on one of the most unforgettable nights in the Bible—the night when two men, beaten and locked up, found themselves in a jail cell for simply sharing the message of Jesus. Things looked pretty bad for Paul and Silas. They weren't just trapped physically; it seemed like their mission had hit a dead end. But that's when God stepped in.

Instead of giving in to fear, Paul and Silas chose to trust God and praise Him right there in their prison cell. Their trust was unshakable, and their worship was powerful. What happened next was nothing short of miraculous—a divine intervention that rocked the jailhouse, broke their chains, and changed the lives of everyone who witnessed it.

Paul and Silas' story teaches us that even in our toughest times, God has a plan. He can take what seems like a hopeless situation and turn it into something amazing. This series is all about discovering how God is with us in the darkest places and how He can use even the toughest moments to bring about His purpose.

Get ready to see how God can rock your world, just like He did for Paul and Silas - “The Night The Jailhouse Rocked!”

For This Generation,

The High Voltage Kids Ministry Team



THE ELEMENTS

The Video Files:

This folder includes “The Spark” Intro Video segments featuring Jaden and his Elvis-loving Grandma, the Power Verse Videos featuring “Kent Hearya,” and the “Whatchagaddaknow” Videos featuring “Wiggy Pop.” We have included several “Video Bumpers” to be used as transitions to each segment of the service (“Game Time!”, “Offering”, and “Rewind”). These are Quicktime video files that can be copied and placed in PowerPoint or other presentation software.

The Data Files:

This folder contains the Printable Lesson Manual and graphics/artwork you can use to promote this amazing series. Also included are graphic slides that are intended to be used during the lesson. In addition, you will find a “Family Devotion”, “Small Group Experience”, and “Kid Take Home Page” for each lesson.

“The Spark” Intro Video:

This video is to be used toward the beginning of the lesson. It sets up the topic to be discussed during that lesson. It uses humor to grab the kids’ attention, then explains what they will be learning about in the lesson.

Whatchagaddaknow:

This is the main thought you want to get across to the kids during the weekly lessons. It is a simple statement that sums up the entire lesson. There is a “Whatchagaddaknow” Video, in which Wiggy Pop teaches the phrase. Then, use the “Whatchagaddaknow Trigger” Video to surprise the kids throughout the service. Play it many times at random. Each time the kids see Wiggy Pop’s head pop up and ask, “Whatchagaddaknow?” they should stand up on their feet and say the “Whatchagaddaknow” statement for the week.

Game Time!:

A game is provided for each week. Most of them are themed with the lesson being taught that week.

Skit/Drama:

These skits feature “Imall Shookup” (you can choose to have her as a puppet or a human character), who interacts with another person (you or any member of your team). Names can be changed for each specific church and situation if you wish. Use the skits in whatever way works best for you.

Bible Story:

A specific Bible Story is included for each week. It is a story that you tell with accompanying graphic illustrations that help bring the story to life. These illustrations can be found in the Bible Story folder.

Call To Action:

Because kids tend to learn best if you combine speaking the truth with visual illustrations, we have written an illustrated sermon to be used each week called the “Call To Action.” Materials are listed, and manuscripts are provided. Each illustrated sermon comes with a graphic slide for each main point.

Rewind!:

This fun game tests the kids’ memory about what they have learned. Play at the end of each week’s lesson.

Family Devotions:

Send these home with the parent of each child as a means for them to reinforce the lesson during the week.

Kid Take Home Pages:

Send these home with the child as a means for them to review the lesson during the week.

HOW TO USE THE LESSON PLAN WORKSHEET

The first page of each lesson includes a lesson plan for the service with a suggested order of service that you may follow. On the second page of each lesson is a list of the materials needed for that entire lesson.

Please note that each lesson worksheet includes “The Spark” Intro Video, “Game Time!”, “Skit/Drama”, “Call To Action”, “Rewind”, and the other lesson segments we provide with the curriculum. Many of the segments included have graphic and video elements that are included in the Data and Video Files folders. There are some segments that require other outside materials that are not included in the curriculum.

“The Night The Jailhouse Rocked” - LESSON 1

“Jailhouse Rock”

Main Focus:
We must choose to worship God even when times are tough.

Power Verse:
“I will praise the Lord at all times.
I will constantly speak his praises.”
- Psalm 34:1

Whatchagaddaknow:
“No Matter What I’m Going Through, I Will Praise The Lord!”

“The Spark” Intro Video
“To Grandmother’s House We Go”

“Whatchagaddaknow” Video
Wiggy Pop teaches “Whatchagaddaknow”

Character Skit
“Imall Shookup”

Offering Time

Game Time!
“Name That Worship Tune”

Bible Story
“Paul and Silas Pt. 1”

Power Verse Video
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Call To Action
“Jailhouse Rock”

Rewind!
Review Game

Small Group Experience

LEADER’S INFO

Life brings challenges, even for Christians! Jesus reminded us, “In this world, you will have trouble.” But we don’t have to give up when hard times come our way. He also said, “Take heart! I have overcome the world!” That’s a reason to rejoice and worship God for His faithfulness, even in our darkest moments.

In today’s Bible story, we’ll see an incredible example of this with the Apostle Paul and Silas. Despite facing a truly awful day—being arrested, beaten, and thrown into a dark prison—they didn’t let their circumstances stop them from worshipping. Confident that God would care for them, they began singing songs of praise.

Through this lesson, children will discover the importance of worshipping God, even when life feels hard.

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“The Spark” Intro Video
- “Lesson 1 - The Spark” Intro Video

“Whatchagaddaknow” Video
- “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video
- “Whatchagaddaknow” Trigger Video

Character Skit
- “Imall Shookup” Theme Graphic/Music

Offering Time
- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

Game Time!
- “Game Time!” Bumper Video
- “Name That Worship Tune” Graphic
- CD Player/MP3 Player
- Sound System (optional)
- Several Worship Songs

Bible Story
- “Paul and Silas Pt. 1” Graphics

Power Verse Video
- “Lesson 1 Power Verse” Video

Call To Action
- “Jailhouse Rock” Graphics
- A Large Flashlight
- The Power Verse Graphic

Rewind!
- “REWIND!” Bumper Video
- “REWIND!” Lesson 1 Graphics

Small Group Experience
- Bibles
- Scrap Paper
- Pencils, Crayons, Or Markers
- Smartphone
- Speaker
- Psalm 34:1 Print Piece

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The “Small Group Experience”

We have included an entire “Small Group Experience” in this Power Pack. This is an added bonus that you may choose to use to help reinforce the lesson that was learned in the Large Group Kids Church experience. These Small Group Experiences were written for Elementary-age children (kindergarten through 5th grade).

The Small Group Experiences do require some preparation for each group leader. Please read ahead to make sure that any props, tools, etc. are gathered ahead of time. Our suggestion is to divide the children into small groups (2-10 children works best), according to ages.

Each Small Group Experience is designed to last between 20-25 minutes. Feel free to modify any segment to fit your time frame and/or group needs.

It is definitely recommended that you use the Small Group Experience as a supplement to the Large Group Experience. It is meant to reinforce the lesson the children have already learned.

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“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

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Character Skit

“I’m Shookup”



Offering Time



Game Time!

“Name That Worship Tune”



Bible Story

“Paul and Silas Pt. 1”



Power Verse Video

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Call To Action

“Jailhouse Rock”



Rewind!

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Introduction to “The Spark” Intro Video

Leader: Hey, kids! Today, we are starting a new series called “The Night The Jailhouse Rocked.” It’s all about a very important event in the Bible that happened to the Apostle Paul and his missionary partner, Silas.

I have a question for you. Have you ever had something you had to do, but you just didn’t want to do it? Maybe it was a test you had to take or maybe it was a chore your parents wanted you to do. When you are in a situation you really don’t want to be in, it can be hard to keep the right attitude, huh?

Today, we are going to learn about how to handle those moments in life when things aren’t going the way we planned. But first, check this video out...

(play “The Spark - Intro Video Lesson 1”)

Leader: At first, he really didn’t want to go to his grandmother’s house, did he? He had to work on his attitude and make some definite changes in the way he was looking at things.

There are many times in life when things don’t go the way we planned. Rather than complain, fuss, and be upset about it, we have to learn to recognize that God has a plan - even when things aren’t going the way we planned.

God is worthy of our praise and worship even when life is tough. We must choose to worship Him, even when things don’t look good. Today, we are going to learn about a very good example of that from Paul and Silas in the Bible.

But, before we do that, we need to find out “Whatchagaddaknow.”

(play “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video)



CHARACTER SKIT

Character: “Imall Shookup” *(He is an Elvis impersonator who loves to incorporate some of Elvis’s phrases and song titles into what he is trying to say. He always has funky dance moves to try out and tries to perfect his Elvis accent.)*

Imall: *(Enters waving to the kids like they are his fans)* Hello! Hello! Thank you, thank you very much! It’s such an honor to be here today.

Leader: Um, hello... Could it be? Are you? Noooooooo! No way! Elvis has been gone for a loooooong time. But wow! You really got my attention. Who are you?

Imall: My name is *(does a spin move)* Imall Shookup! Thank you very much!

Leader: You’re shaken up? Do you need a doctor?

Imall: No, no. That’s my name. *(Spins again)* Imall.... Shookup! Thank you, thank you very much.

Leader: Umm... okay. What brings you here, Imall?

Imall: Well, I was wondering - do you have a peanut butter and banana sandwich on hand?

Leader: Gross! No, I’m afraid I don’t. *(To the kids)* Do any of you have a peanut butter and banana sandwich with you? I didn’t think so.

Imall: Bummer! I haven’t had one in about two hours.

Leader: That’s not that long. I may have another snack, but I’d have to look.

Imall: No, thank you very much. I have a strict diet. The banana and peanut butter keep my voice ready to go! ou never know when you’ll need to *(does a spin move)* break out in song.

Leader: I guess that’s true. Are you sure you are not related to Elvis Presley? You look like him, eat his favorite food, do fun dance moves, and sing.

Imall: Not that I know of. This is just my life. It’s fun, but a lot of people have made fun of me for it.

Leader: Some people are mean and hurt your feelings just because you do something different than them.

Imall: It is hurtful! Just the other night, I was writing a sad tune, but I couldn’t finish it because I was crying.

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CHARACTER SKIT

(Continued)

Leader: I'm sorry, Imall. Sounds like you really were all shook up! I think today's lesson could really help you.

Imall: Really? Thank you! Thank you very much! But.. uh... how is it going to help me?

Leader: We're learning about how Paul and Silas got arrested for preaching about Jesus.

Imall: No way! That's not fair! Where are they? I'll go get 'em out. I can use my karate moves and bust them out of jail! *(Do some karate moves with Elvis-like sounds)*

Leader: That was a long time ago, like, way before Elvis was born. Today, we are telling the story of how it all happened.

Imall: Wow! They must have been really down and depressed. If I were them, I would've sung a sad tune and cried, just like the other day! It would've been tough, but that jailhouse would've been rockin'!

Leader: Their jailhouse rocked, too, but in a different way! While Paul and Silas were there, they sang and praised God. Our lesson will teach us how we can praise God, even in hard times.

Imall: So, instead of being all sad and crying, they were happy and singing to the Lord? I can dig that.

Leader: We should all “dig” that! Whatever that means...

Imall: Well, my fans are waiting. I have a private concert in my living room. My parents, grandma and little sister will be there. Oh, and my *(does a dance move)* teddy bear. I hope you kids learn a whole lot today! My name is Imall Shookup. Thank you, thank you very much!

(EXITS WHILE THEME MUSIC PLAYS)



GAME TIME

“Name That Worship Tune”

Items Needed For Game:

CD Player/MP3 player; Sound system (*optional*); Several worship songs
(*preferably songs that you do often in your services*)

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Preparation:

Choose an even number of songs to use for this game. Set them up in a
playlist so you can easily move from one song to the next.

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How To Play:

Choose three boys and three girls to participate in this game. Tell them that you are going
to play ten seconds of a popular worship song. They will have to take turns guessing the name
of the song (*or at least be able to sing a bit of the song to prove they know what song it is*).
The team that guesses the most songs correctly is declared the winning team.



Bible Story

“Paul & Silas Pt. 1”

Materials Needed:

The graphic slides for Lesson 1; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the story in Acts 16:16-25; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

The Story:

Today, our Bible Story comes from the book of Acts, chapter 16. The Apostle Paul and Silas were with a large crowd of people preaching and were suddenly interrupted by a slave girl who was possessed by an evil spirit that allowed her to predict the future. She made a lot of money for her owners by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul and Silas and the crowd around, shouting, (*show pic*) “These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.”



This girl actually did this same thing over and over for many days in a row. Finally, Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, (*show pic*) “In the name of Jesus Christ, I command you evil spirit, come out of her!” And at that very moment the evil spirit left her.



When this slave girl's owners found out that the evil spirit had left her and that she couldn't make them money by predicting the future anymore, they were angry! They took Paul and Silas to the authorities and said that they were causing huge problems in the city and breaking the laws!



Paul and Silas had not broken any laws. But the men were so angry with them, the entire crowd started joining in. They started to attack Paul and Silas, beating them up. The authorities ordered them to be thrown into prison.

The guard was commanded to watch them carefully. When he received those orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in stocks. (*show pic*) They were deep in the dungeon. It was dark and cold - it was a scary, uncomfortable place to be. Their hands and feet were locked up, and they were still in tons of pain from being beaten.

It would've been a great time to just sit down and cry. It would've been easy for them to say that God didn't care about them and give up...but that's not what they did! Instead, in the middle of the night, (*show pic*) they decided to pray and sing songs of praise and worship to God. It was so unexpected, the other prisoners began listen. The entire jailhouse rocked with the sound of praise to God! It was amazing!

In today's lesson, we're going to learn how important it is that when we face hard times, we shouldn't quit - but instead, we should turn our focus to God and praise Him. He is worthy - no matter what!



Call To Action **“Jailhouse Rock”**

Materials Needed:

The “Jailhouse Rock” graphics; a large flashlight; the Power Verse graphic

Preparation:

Begin with the slide titled, “Jailhouse Rock”



The Message: *(title slide)*

Have you ever had a really bad day? I mean a REALLY bad day? Like when from the moment you wake up to the moment you go to sleep that night everything that could possibly go wrong goes wrong? Imagine:

- You wake up and bump your head on the headboard, only to stub your toe on the way to the bathroom.
- You wiggle your loose tooth a little too much with your toothbrush and your gums start bleeding.
- You realize your out of milk for your favorite cereal, so you have to eat toast instead.
- It's raining and while you're waiting at the bus stop, a big ol' van drives by and splashes a huge puddle of water all over you, soaking your favorite shirt.
- You get to school and realize you left your homework and end up getting a bad grade.
- It's still raining, so you can't go outside for recess.
- You finally get home, but dinner is meatloaf and brussel sprouts - EW!
- Your parent makes you go to bed early as punishment for your bad grade, and you stub the SAME toe on the way to bed!

Now that's a BAD day! Hopefully, all of those things don't actually happen to you all in one day, but you can expect that some of those kinds of things will happen to you. You can expect that bad things will happen. In fact, that's our first lesson.



Don't Be Surprised When Trouble Comes *(slide)*

Trouble WILL happen. Jesus told us in John 16:33, “In this world you will have trouble...” Bad days are going to come. Trouble at school, trouble at home, trouble with sickness, bad grades, bullies, etc. These things will happen because they are a part of life.

Paul and Silas were having a bad day in our Bible Story. Remember, they were just going along preaching about Jesus, doing the right thing - they even freed a girl from an evil spirit - when all of a sudden, their day took a turn for the worse! They faced lots of trouble! They were taken to the authorities, beaten really badly, and thrown

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Call To Action *(Continued)*

into a really dark prison! It was a really BAD day, but they expected it! They remembered Jesus saying, “In this world you will have trouble.” So they decided what you and I should decide when we face troubles....

Choose Not To Quit *(slide)*



We have to decide that we will never quit - even when we face really tough times! Even in your darkest times, you must decide that you will not quit! Remember John 16:33? Jesus said, “In this world you will have trouble.” But there’s more to that verse! Jesus said, “In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world!”

How cool is that? Jesus didn’t say, “Take heart! I have overcome bad grades!” Or, “Take heart! I have overcome sickness!” Or even, “Take heart! I have overcome the bully at school!” No - Jesus said, “Take heart! I have overcome the WORLD!” That means Jesus has overcome EVERY trouble you could ever face! Jesus is bigger, stronger, smarter, and greater than anything we will ever face in life. And THAT is something to get excited about - even when you’re in the middle of trouble and dark times. In fact...

Even In Your Darkest Times - Worship God *(slide)*



(turn out the lights in the room) There are times in our lives when it feels so dark. You are facing lots of trouble, and it seem like there’s no hope! Even in your darkest times, choose to worship and praise God! Thank Him for being faithful to you - even in the dark times. When you do, it’s amazing what happens. *(turn on the flashlight, revealing how much it lights up the darkness)* As you praise God, hope starts to return to your heart. You start to realize that God hasn’t left you. He’s right there beside you. The more you praise, the more hope grows in your heart until...*(turn the lights back on in the room)* your whole attitude changes and God comes through with a miracle!

That’s exactly what Paul and Silas did! They were facing some really dark times, but they remembered that Jesus has overcome the world, and they worshiped right there in their prison! They praised God so loud, the entire jailhouse rocked with their praise!

When you face troubles, even in your darkest times, do what Paul and Silas did - worship God! Do exactly what our Power Verse says: *(show Power Verse slide)* “I will praise the Lord at all times. I will constantly speak his praises.” - Psalm 34:1.

Altar Response: *(play soft music)*

Pray that the children will not be surprised when troubles come, but instead they would decide not to quit and to worship God, even in their darkest times. Spend some time in praise and worship to God!



Materials Needed:

“REWIND!” Lesson 1 Graphics; “REWIND!” Bumper Video

Preparation:

Play the “REWIND!” Bumper Video; Begin with the slide titled “REWIND!”; there is a slide for each question

1. Whatchagaddaknow today?

Answer: “No Matter What I’m Going Through, I Will Praise The Lord!”

2. What were the names of the two guys in our Bible Story?

Answer: Paul & Silas

3. What were Paul and Silas doing in the streets?

Answer: Preaching

4. Who did they encounter while preaching?

Answer: A Demon Possessed Girl

5. What happened to Paul and Silas?

Answer: They Were Thrown Into Prison

6. What did they begin to do while they were in prison?

Answer: Praise And Worship The Lord

7. According to our lesson today, “Don’t Be Surprised When _____ Comes.”

Answer: Trouble

8. According to our lesson today, “_____ Not To Quit.”

Answer: Choose

9. According to our lesson today, “Even In Your Darkest Times - _____ God.”

Answer: Worship

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: Psalm 34:1

“The Night The Jailhouse Rocked” - Lesson 2

“Shake, Rattle, and Roll”

Main Focus:

It's important to connect yourself to the RIGHT people!



Power Verse:

“As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.”

- Proverbs 27:17



Whatchagaddaknow:

“I Will Choose Friends Who Lift Me Up!”

LEADER'S INFO

Each one of us have days where nothing seems to be going right. The car won't start, traffic is backed up and makes you late for work, and you get in trouble with your boss. Those days are very tough.

Children have those kinds of days as well. It's easy for them to get down in the dumps and feel like they are all alone. It's in those moments that true godly friends can step in to lift their spirits and remind them that God is in control.

In this lesson, the children will learn from the example of Paul and Silas. They will learn that each of us must be careful who we connect ourselves with. We need friends who will be willing to “sing” with us even in the darkest hours of our lives.



“The Spark” Intro Video

“Friends Matter”



“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

Wiggy Pop teaches “Whatchagaddaknow”



Character Skit

“I'mall Shookup”



Offering Time



Game Time!

“ROCK & Roll Relay”



Bible Story

“Paul and Silas Pt. 2”



Power Verse Video

“As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.”

- Proverbs 27:17



Call To Action

“Shake, Rattle, and Roll”



Rewind!

Review Game



Small Group Experience

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Lesson 2 Materials Needed:

“The Spark” Intro Video

- “Lesson 2 - The Spark” Intro Video

“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

- “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video
- “Whatchagaddaknow” Trigger Video

Character Skit

- “Imall Shookup” Theme Graphic/Music

Offering Time

- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

Game Time!

- “Game Time!” Bumper Video
- “ROCK & Roll Relay” Graphic
- Ten Small Rocks
- High-Energy Music

Bible Story

- “Paul and Silas Pt. 2” Graphics

Power Verse Video

- “Lesson 2 Power Verse” Video

Call To Action

- “Shake, Rattle, and Roll” Graphics
- One Raw Egg
- One Hard-Boiled Egg
- A Bowl
- Graphics That Represent The Mentioned Duos (*optional*)

Rewind!

- “REWIND!” Bumper Video
- “REWIND!” Lesson 2 Graphics

Small Group Experience

- Bible Story Print Piece
- Scrap Paper
- Scissors
- Cup
- Pencils, Crayons, Or Markers
- Dots And Boxes Print Piece
- Choose Friends Who Lift Me Up Print Piece
- Bible

“The Spark” Intro Video

“Friends Matter”

“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

Wiggy Pop teaches “Whatchagaddaknow”

Character Skit

“Imall Shookup”

Offering Time

Game Time!

“ROCK & Roll Relay”

Bible Story

“Paul and Silas Pt. 2”

Power Verse Video

“As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a
friend.”

- Proverbs 27:17

Call To Action

“Shake, Rattle, and Roll”

Rewind!

Review Game

Small Group Experience



Introduction to “The Spark” Intro Video

Leader: Hey, kids! Welcome back to our series called “The Night The Jailhouse Rocked.” It’s all about a very important event in the Bible that happened to the Apostle Paul and his missionary partner, Silas.

How many of you have a best friend? *(allow response)* Aren’t best friends great? Hopefully your best friend is someone who is loyal, kind, and helps you in life’s difficult moments.

Imagine if you had a best friend who was a complainer, troublemaker, and was always leading you into trouble. Would that be the kind of best friend you should want to have? *(allow response)* Of course, not.

Today, we are going to learn about how important it is to have the right kind of friend by your side when you go through hard times. But first, check this video out...

(play “The Spark - Intro Video Lesson 2”)

Leader: Friends can make or break our lives, sometimes. If you are ever going through a rough time like Paul and Silas were, you want to make sure that you have the right kind of friend by your side. You want a friend who is positive, helpful, and will praise God with you!

Today, you are going to learn the importance of choosing the right kind of friend and how important that decision can be when you face life’s troubles. It’s going to be a wonderful life lesson.

But, before we do that, we need to find out “Whatchagaddaknow.”

(play “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video)



CHARACTER SKIT

Character: “Imall Shookup” *(He is an Elvis impersonator who loves to incorporate some of Elvis’s phrases and song titles into what he is trying to say. He always has funky dance moves to try out and tries to perfect his Elvis accent.)*

Imall: *(Enters with his head hung, walking slowly, and humming a sad song)*

Leader: Hello, Imall Shookup! What’s going on? Are you alright?

Imall: Hello, everyone. *(Does a spin move with his head down)* Thank you for asking. I’m just feeling really blue today. I mean bluer than that new pair of blue suede shoes I bought.

Leader: Sorry to hear that, my friend. Is there anything we can do to help?

Imall: I’m not sure. Just being here is helping. I like it here.

Leader: I think we all feel that way. Who’s glad to be here today? *(Allow kids to respond)*

Imall: *(Perks up at the cheering)* Oh, yeah! That’s what I’m talking about.

Leader: Would you care to share why you are so blue?

Imall: Oh, my my my! I just can’t seem to stop ending up with the wrong people at the wrong time. It’s like every path a take leads to trouble!

Leader: Would you like some advice?

Imall: Oh, yes. *(Does a dance move)* Very, very much!

Leader: Do you pray?

Imall: Yes. I mean, well, some. I say the blessing over my food. And I make sure to tell God, “Thank you, thank you very much!” for the blessings He gives me.

Leader: That’s a good start! But I think you need to start praying about where you go. Ask God if it’s the right place for you. Will he get the glory? Will you be safe?

Imall: I have never thought about praying that way. I am just taking every gig I can.

Leader: I get it. But if we ask God to direct our steps, He will! It’s up to us to actually follow the path He has made for us.

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CHARACTER SKIT

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Imall: I never thought about that. I’m running with the wrong crowds and going the wrong ways! Would you consider being my manager and helping me make the right choices on where to perform?

Leader: Oh, I don’t think so. I appreciate the offer, but I’m already booked.

Imall: Maybe my Grandma could be my manager. I will ask her tonight! She is a social media sensation. She has tons of videos showing old people the correct way to clean their dentures. She knows people!

Leader: That sounds like a plan. You know, our lesson today has something do with what you have been going through.

Imall: What’s it about?

Leader: We’re learning about being friends with the right people. It’s really important to make sure the people you are the closest to are people who walk with God.

Imall: That sounds like a great lesson. Well, I better roll out. My grandma knows a lot of senior adult groups. I bet they could use some *(does a dance move)* entertainment! I better go talk to her now and see if we can launch my new career. My name is Imall Shookup. Thank you, thank you very much!

(EXITS WHILE THEME MUSIC PLAYS)



GAME TIME

“ROCK & Roll Relay”

Items Needed For Game:

Ten small rocks; “High energy” music

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Preparation:

Choose five boys and five girls to compete in this game. Line the teams up on one side of the room. Place five small rocks in two piles - one straight across the room from the boys and one straight across the room from the girls.

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How To Play:

This is a relay race. When you say, “Go!” start the high energy music. The first child from each team must run to the other side of the room, grab a rock, and then drop to the floor and ROLL all the way back to their line on the other side of the room. When they reach the front of their line, they must tag the next person in line, who should then do the same thing. The first team to get all their team members back to the starting line with all their rocks wins!



Bible Story

“Paul & Silas Pt. 2”

Materials Needed:

The graphic slides for Lesson 2; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

Preparation:

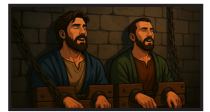
Familiarize yourself with the story in Acts 16:25-26; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

The Story:

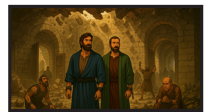
Today, we continue the story of Paul and Silas. As you might remember, Paul and Silas were thrown into prison (*show pic*) simply because they cast a demon spirit out of a young slave girl. The girl was healed, but her owner was unhappy about it. Paul and Silas were thrown into a dark prison cell.



(*show pic*) In the middle of the night, Paul and Silas began pray and sing songs of praise and worship to God. It was so unexpected, the other prisoners began listening to their praise and were encouraged.



Suddenly, there was an earthquake. The walls of the prison began to shake violently. Paul and Silas began to look around. Had they caused this earthquake by singing too loud? Had they sang so much that the foundation started to crack. Talk about a “Jailhouse Rock”! It wasn’t long before they knew exactly what had happened. GOD had sent this earthquake. But why?



Suddenly, the doors to every prison cell flew open! (*show pic*) Paul and Silas looked around to see every single prisoner set free from their chains. What an incredible picture of freedom! Paul and Silas had gone from sitting in chains and worshipping one minute, to praising God for freedom the next! What an incredible miracle!

Paul and Silas BOTH had made up their minds to follow God and put Him first. As a result, God did some amazing miracles. Paul and Silas were chained to one another in one of the darkest moments of their lives. Thankfully, they had both chosen the RIGHT partner in ministry! When the tough times hit, they were chained to the RIGHT person - each other!

In your lesson today, you are going to learn about the importance of choosing the RIGHT person to be connected to in life. You are going to learn how important it is to connect yourself with someone who will help you grow in your relationship with God.

When life begins to “shake, rattle, and roll”, you can rest assured that when a godly friend is by your side - things will be much easier to go through. God can lead us to the right people to be connected to. That’s what you are going to learn about, today.



Call To Action

“Shake, Rattle, and Roll”

Materials Needed:

The “Shake, Rattle, and Roll” graphics; one raw egg; one hard-boiled egg; a bowl; (*optional* - graphics that represent each of the duos mentioned in the opening of the message)

Preparation:

Begin with the slide titled, “Shake, Rattle, and Roll”



The Message: (*title slide*)

To start today’s lesson, we are going to play a game. I’m going to name a person and I want you to tell me the name of the person who is their partner/best friend. (*show pics with each*)

- Batman and _____ (Robin)
- Spongebob and _____ (Patrick)
- Mario and _____ (Luigi)
- Phineas and _____ (Ferb)
- Buzz and _____ (Woody)
- Bluey and _____ (Bingo)

You couldn’t imagine one without the other. The people on that list are inseparable, a team – they wouldn’t be complete without the other. Their relationship with each other is part of what makes them who they are. It’s also true for YOU! You are known by your close connections, by the people you spend the most time with. In your life, you will make a lot of decisions. But some of the most important decisions you will make include the people you allow in your life. No matter what happens, the people you form relationships with will affect your decisions and influence who you are.

Think of our Bible story today. Paul was in a really bad situation. He was thrown into prison. Things looked hopeless. And in the middle of this horrible situation, Silas was right beside him. Silas was a strong, godly man who worshipped with Paul even in the worst situation - jail! When trouble came, Paul had the right person beside him, and we can learn a lot from Paul and Silas’ relationship. It’s important to know...



Wrong Relationships Lead To Wrong Decisions (*slide*)

I want you to think about your best friend right now. Now, be honest with yourself - is your best friend helping you grow closer to God or just helping you get in trouble? Are they someone who is giving you good



Call To Action *(Continued)*

advice or are they usually the ones coming up with the idea that leads you to a wrong decision? Things like: stealing things, cheating on a test, making fun of a kid at school, or even lying to your parents. You need to realize the people you are spending time with will either lead you closer to God or away from God. If they are leading you down the wrong path - that's not good!

Something else we can learn from today's Bible Story is...



Trouble Reveals Character *(slide)*

How do you know what kind of person someone is on the inside? How do you know what kind of character they have? One way to know for sure - watch what happens when they go through tough times. *(hold up the raw egg and the hard-boiled egg)* Take these eggs, for instance. They look pretty much the same on the outside. But, when the pressure comes - then you REALLY know what's on the inside. *(crack the raw egg on the bowl and empty the contents into the bowl; then crack the hard-boiled egg on the bowl and begin to take the shell off to reveal the “solid” egg inside)*

People are a lot like these eggs. When the pressure comes, when bad things happen, watch how your friends react. When trouble comes, you'll see exactly what kind of people they are. What kind of character do they have on the inside? Do they have flimsy character - that makes a big mess, by the way - or do they have solid character *(hold up the hard-boiled egg)* that only comes from trust in God? Who do you want by your side when you go through trouble - someone who blames others, gets angry or upset, and leaves you alone or someone who will stand by your side no matter what happens and stays focused on God? So, what do you need to do to be prepared when trouble comes? Do what Paul did...



Attach Yourself To Godly People BEFORE The Trouble Comes *(slide)*

How do you find friends who are godly friends? Pray about it. Ask God to lead you to Christians who take their relationship with God seriously. Watch how others act in tough situations. Watch how they treat others. If they trust God and honor Him, then those are the kind of people you should be friends with and with whom you should connect.

When you go through tough times, don't try to go through them alone. Surround yourself with friends who will help you. Make sure you are chained to the RIGHT kind of friends!

Altar Response: *(play soft music)*

Pray for kids that God would lead them to godly people. Pray for them to pick the right friends that will direct them to God, not away from God. Pray for kids who feel like they are in bad relationships that need to change.

**Materials Needed:**

“REWIND!” Lesson 2 Graphics; “REWIND!” Bumper Video

Preparation:

Play the “REWIND!” Bumper Video; Begin with the slide titled “REWIND!”; there is a slide for each question

1. Whatchagaddaknow today?

“I Will Choose Friends Who Lift Me Up!”

2. What happened while Paul and Silas were in jail?

Answer: An Earthquake

3. True or False: Everyone in the jail slept through the earthquake.

Answer: False

4. What did the earthquake cause to happen?

Answer: Paul And Silas Were Set Free

5. True or False: All the prisoners rejoiced at being set free?

Answer: True

6. According to our lesson today, “Wrong Relationships Lead To Wrong ____.”

Answer: Decisions

7. According to our lesson today, “____ Reveals Character.”

Answer: Trouble

8. According to our lesson today, “Attach Yourself To ____ People BEFORE Trouble Comes.”

Answer: Godly

9. True or False: Having godly friends doesn’t matter.

Answer: False

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: Proverbs 27:17

“The Night The Jailhouse Rocked” - Lesson 3

“I Want To Be Free”

Main Focus:

God can use our bad situation
to bless someone else



Power Verse:

“And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.”

- Romans 8:28



Whatchagaddaknow:

God Can Use The Bad For Good!

LEADER'S INFO

Sometimes, bad things happen - even for Christians. Sometimes a bad situation can be really bad - and we feel like there is NOTHING good that can come from it. We feel like we're in a prison and there is no hope for good to come out of it.

In our Bible Story, we find the Apostle Paul and Silas in that very situation. They're in an actual prison and things are looking pretty bad - but God uses their bad for good, ultimately saving a whole family and setting Paul and Silas free from prison!

In this lesson, the children will learn that God can use the bad for good. If they are faithful to God during the bad times, others may be blessed!



“The Spark” Intro Video

“A Broken Record”



“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

Wiggy Pop teaches “Whatchagaddaknow”



Character Skit

“Imall Shookup”



Offering Time



Game Time!

“Rock, Paper, Scissors”



Bible Story

“Paul and Silas Pt. 3”



Power Verse Video

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Call To Action

“I Want To Be Free!”



Rewind!

Review Game



Small Group Experience

Main Focus:

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Whatchagaddaknow:

“God Can Use The Bad For Good!”

Lesson 3 Materials Needed:

“The Spark” Intro Video

- “Lesson 3 - The Spark” Intro Video

“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

- “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video
- “Whatchagaddaknow” Trigger Video

Character Skit

- “Imall Shookup” Theme Graphic/Music

Offering Time

- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

Game Time!

- “Game Time!” Bumper Video
- “Rock, Paper, Scissors” Graphic

Bible Story

- “Paul and Silas Pt. 3” Graphics

Power Verse Video

- “Lesson 3 Power Verse” Video

Call To Action

- “I Want To Be Free” Graphics
- A Frozen Food Item In The Box
- A Microwave-Safe Plate
- A Fork
- A Microwave
- Potholders

Rewind!

- “REWIND!” Bumper Video
- “REWIND!” Lesson 3 Graphics

Small Group Experience

- Bible Story Print Piece
- Pencils, Crayons, Or Markers
- Bingo Game Card Print Piece
- Bingo Calling Card Print Piece
- GOOD Print Piece
- Bowl
- Scissors
- Large Dry-Erase Board
- Dry-Erase Markers
- Eraser

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Review Game

Small Group Experience



Introduction to “The Spark” Intro Video

Leader: Hey, kids! Welcome back to our series called “The Night The Jailhouse Rocked.” It’s all about a very important event in the Bible that happened to the Apostle Paul and his missionary partner, Silas.

Have you ever had something bad happen to you? *(allow response)* Maybe you tripped and fell, lost your favorite toy, or got in trouble for something that wasn’t even your fault. It doesn’t feel good when bad things happen, does it? *(allow response)*

Sometimes, when things go wrong, it’s easy to feel like everything is falling apart. But did you know that God can take the bad things in our lives and turn them into something good? It’s true! Even when we don’t understand what’s happening, God has a bigger plan.

Today, we’re going to learn how Paul and Silas went through something really tough, but God used it for something amazing! But first, check this video out...

(play “The Spark - Intro Video Lesson 3”)

Leader: Wow! Isn’t that incredible? God worked everything out so that the broken record - which seemed like a horrible thing - led them to be able to go buy an entire collection. What a blessing!

Sometimes, when we go through hard times, we only focus on how bad it feels. But God is always working behind the scenes, turning our troubles into something beautiful. Today, you’re going to learn how you can trust God even when life doesn’t make sense.

But before we do that, we need to find out... “Whatchagaddaknow.”

(play “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video)



CHARACTER SKIT

Character: “**Imall Shookup**” *(He is an Elvis impersonator who loves to incorporate some of Elvis’s phrases and song titles into what he is trying to say. He always has funky dance moves to try out and tries to perfect his Elvis accent.)*

Imall: *(Enters very dramatically)* Hi, hello, how ya doin’? Okay now that’s out of the way, I have a huge problem! Somebody, please, help me! *(Grabs the Leader’s shoulders, shaking them wildly)*

Leader: What?! What’s wrong, Imall Shookup?

Imall: I am in the WORST crisis of my life! I can’t even talk about it. It’s too painful! *(Turns away dramatically, covering his face.)*

Leader: Okay, well... maybe we can help. What happened?

Imall: Thank you, thank you very much! It’s... my hair.

Leader: Your... hair?

Imall: YES! My glorious, magnificent, perfectly sculpted hair! You see, I was fixing it up just right, adding my usual gallon of hair gel, and—DISASTER STRUCK.

Leader: Oh no...

Imall: Oh, YES. I was just about to go full rock-star mode when—BAM! A FLY flew into my hair!

Leader: ...A fly?

Imall: A FLY. And now it’s stuck. FOREVER. *(Dramatically runs his hands through his hair trying to get it out)*

Leader: Okay, okay, calm down—

Imall: Oh, but it gets worse! I tried to get it out. I tried using more gel—no good! I tried to shake it loose nothing! Now I’m just a guy with a fly! It’s stuck in there, and I’m stuck with it in my hair! Neither of us is happy!

Leader: Wow. That is quite a problem.

Imall: I knew you’d understand. So please, help me! Set this fly free!

Leader: Well, you know, today’s lesson is about being set free.

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CHARACTER SKIT

(Continued)

Imall: Wait... You mean you've got the secret to freedom?!

Leader: Not exactly the kind of freedom you're talking about... but yeah! Today, we're talking about how God can set us free!

Imall: Like from flies in my hair?

Leader: Not exactly... More like bad situations.

Imall: Ohhh, so like when Paul and Silas were stuck in prison—locked up, chained down, and totally trapped.

Leader: Yes! Instead of panicking, they trusted God. They praised Him, and He set them free. But here's the cool part—He used that whole situation for something GOOD!

Imall: Whoa, whoa, whoa. So even when things go wrong, God can turn it into something amazing?!

Leader: Exactly!

Imall: Hold the jokebox! That means there's still hope for me?! Well, then I am NOT leaving until I find out how I can be set free! *(Strikes a dramatic pose)*

Leader: That's great! We're going to learn all about how God frees us and uses even bad things for His plan.

Imall: OHHH, BABY! That means this fly situation might just be a part of my destiny!

Leader: Uh... sure?

Imall: Well, count me in! And in the meantime... *(Combs his hair with his fingers)* ...I'll just call this fly my new backup singer! His name's Buzz.

Leader: Well... I hope he serves you well! But right now, it's time to learn more about our lesson.

Imall: YES! I am ready to break free, learn some truth, and maybe finally get Buzz outta my hair! *(Does a spin move)* My name is Imall Shookup! Thank you, thank you very much!

(EXITS WHILE THEME MUSIC PLAYS)



GAME TIME

“Rock, Paper, Scissors”

Items Needed For Game:

None



Preparation:

Choose three boys and three girls to compete in this game *(or have everyone play!)*



How To Play:

This is a “tournament” of the classic game. Rock beats scissors. Scissors beats paper. Paper beats rock. Have one boy and one girl go up against each other. The winner advances to the next round, while the “loser” sits down. This continues until there is only ONE player left. The last player left wins for their team.

(If you play with your entire group, have them partner up and go against each other. At the end of each round, you will have the winners find a new partner and continue this way until there is only one winner remaining!)



Bible Story

“Paul & Silas Pt. 3”

Materials Needed:

The graphic slides for Lesson 3; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the story in Acts 16:25-34; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

The Story:

Today, our Bible Story is the conclusion of Paul and Silas. You remember how they were beaten and thrown into prison for doing good and preaching about Jesus. They were in the middle of one of their darkest times, but they still decided to worship God. They were singing praises to God because they knew he would take care of them!

And that’s exactly what happened! While Paul and Silas were singing songs to God, the other prisoners were listening to them. And then - suddenly there was a violent earthquake! It was so big that the ground began to shake, rattle, and roll. The prison doors flew open and everyone’s chains came loose! WOW!

When this happened the jailer woke up and started freaking out! He saw the prison doors were opened, and he just knew that everyone must have escaped and that he was about to be in a LOT of trouble. He was so freaked out that he drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But before he could, Paul shouted out, (*show pic*) “Don’t do it! We are all still here!”

The jailer was so relieved that he picked up a torch for light, ran in to Paul and Silas’ cell, and fell to his knees, asking them, (*show pic*) “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

Paul and Silas replied to him and said, (*show pic*) “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved.” Then they preached about God’s love right there to the jailer and the other prisoners. What an amazing situation! They were in prison for preaching about Jesus and now the jailer was asking them how to be saved and to preach to him about Jesus! But wait - there’s more!

That night, the jailer took Paul and Silas to his house and helped them wash their wounds and get cleaned up. While Paul and Silas were at his house, they baptized everyone in the man’s family. Then they gathered together to eat a meal and celebrate that the whole family had been saved! (*show pic*)

Today, in your lesson you are going to learn that God can use your bad situations to bring about something good. Just like he used Paul and Silas’ bad situation in prison to bless the jailer and ended up saving his whole family! It’s going to be amazing!





Call To Action

“I Want To Be Free!”

Materials Needed:

The graphic slides for Lesson 3; a frozen food item in the box; a microwave-safe plate; a fork; a microwave; pot-holders

Preparation:

Begin with the slide titled “I Want To Be Free!”

The Message: *(title slide)*



Have you ever gone to the grocery store with your mom or dad and gone down the frozen food aisle? You see a box that has a beautiful picture of tasty-looking food, and you get excited. *(hold up food box)* Your mom or dad buys it and takes it home, and when you get ready to eat dinner, she pulls it out of the box and it looks disgusting! *(hold up food outside of the box)* That’s not what the picture looked like at all! Gross! Suddenly, what you expected to be a great mealtime, has turned out to be terrible! You can’t eat that! Gross - just look at it! What a BAD situation!

But guess what? Your mom can help you! She can use that nasty looking food to create a great meal! You may see it as a gross looking, frozen lump of food, but your mom has a different perspective. She sees the potential for good! All you have to do is put that BAD looking food in the microwave for 2 minutes *(put food on a microwave-safe plate in the microwave and cook for 2 minutes - keep talking while it cooks)* and everything changes! The BAD is used for GOOD!

That’s how life is sometimes! We see something, and we think it’s the worst situation ever - NOTHING good can come from it! You move to a new school and NOTHING good can come from that - you’ll never have friends. You’ll never catch up on your homework - you’re DOOMED! You get in big trouble for bad grades in school and get grounded and NOTHING good can come from that! You’ll never have any fun. You’ll be bored the whole time - this is the WORST! Sometimes that’s how we feel - like we’re in prison and there’s NOTHING good that can come from it, but see...

Sometimes We Misunderstand The Reason For Our Trouble *(slide)*



Sometimes good really can come from our “prison” or our bad situation. We see it as one thing, but maybe the reason we’re in that “prison” is completely different. Maybe the reason you moved to a new school is not so that you’ll never make any friends or catch up on your homework. Maybe it’s so you can make a new friend.

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Call To Action (Continued)

Maybe there's a kid at your new school that needs a friend, too, and God put you there to be their friend and show them about the love of Jesus. Or maybe the reason you're grounded isn't because God wants you to be miserable. Maybe you've been given a chance to read your Bible instead of going out to play or playing video games. Maybe God wants to show you something or teach you something from His Word. Maybe you've misunderstood the reason for your trouble. You think it's all bad, but...



God Can Use The Bad For Good (slide)

Let's check on our food in the microwave. (*open the microwave and, using pot-holders, remove the food if it is finished - if not, stall until it's finished - it needs to look tasty*) Look at that! THAT looks GOOD! Remember how it looked before - it was BAD. It looked GROSS! But now - it's GOOD! (*use the fork and take a bite!*) Now, did the food change? Is that different food than the one before? (*allow response*) No! It's the same! Same situation - but what you saw as BAD is now GOOD!

That's what God can do when you are in a “prison” of your own - a bad situation. God can take it and make it good! Remember, Paul and Silas? They were in a really bad situation! They were in an actual prison and were beaten. It was dark and scary, but God used their bad situation for good! The earthquake came and the jailer begged them to teach him about God. Their bad situation? Prison, beaten, dark and scary... The good that came from it? The jailer and his whole family were saved, and Paul and Silas were set free from prison! Because they were faithful, God used their bad situation for good! That's our last lesson!



If We Are Faithful, Others May Be Blessed (slide)

Remember, Paul and Silas were faithful to God and worshiped him even in their darkest times - even while they were in the pits of their prison. And as a result, other prisoners listened in and heard about their faith in God - and the jailer and his whole family were saved! What a blessing!

When we face prisons and bad situations in life, we must be faithful to God. We can't give up and throw a fit. We can't whine and complain and say, “God, this is TOO bad! There's NO WAY anything good can come from this! I QUIT!” No - instead, we must stay faithful. We have to remember that God can use the bad for good, and we must thank Him for that and worship Him and always stay faithful!

Altar Response: (*play soft music*)

Ask for any children who are facing a “prison” or bad situation in their own life to respond. Pray that they would see that God can use the bad for good. Pray that they would see the reason for their prison and stay faithful to God, no matter what. Pray that others would be blessed because of their faithfulness in the bad times.



REWIND!

Materials Needed:

“REWIND!” Lesson 3 Graphics; “REWIND!” Bumper Video

Preparation:

Play the “REWIND!” Bumper Video; Begin with the slide titled “REWIND!”; there is a slide for each question

1. Whatchagaddaknow today?

“God Can Use The Bad For Good!”

2. Did the prisoners leave after the earthquake?

Answer: No

3. Who came to Paul and Silas’ cell to be saved?

Answer: The Jailer

4. True or False: Paul told the jailer he could not be saved.

Answer: False

5. Who did Paul and Silas help to be saved as well?

Answer: The Jailer’s Family

6. According to our lesson today, “Sometimes We Misunderstand The Reason For Our _____.”

Answer: Trouble

7. According to our lesson today, “God Can Use The _____ For Good.”

Answer: Bad

8. According to our lesson today, “If We Are _____, Others May Be Blessed.”

Answer: Faithful

9. True or False: God can use our “prisons” to help others.

Answer: True

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: Romans 8:28