



# Preschool Lesson



## Lesson 3: I Want To Be Free!



### Whatchagaddaknow:

"God Can Use The Bad For Good!"



### 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

### Before the Lesson

- \* Collect the items for the activities you plan to use, referring to the Classroom Supplies and Lesson Manual Supplies listed in the chart.
- \* Pray for your students and for God's direction in teaching the class.

### This Lesson at a Glance

Activity	Classroom Supplies	Lesson Manual Supplies
Bible Story – This week, the kids will learn from the story of God using the bad Paul & Silas went through for good. (Acts 16:25-34).		Bible Story Pictures (pg. 5-8)
Hands-On-Learning – The kids will learn that God can use their bad for good!	Crumpled plastic bottles, full water bottles	
Craft Option #1 – Bible Story Coloring Page	Crayons or markers	Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece (pg. 9)
Craft Option #2 - GOOD Smiley Face Craft	Crayons or markers	GOOD Smiley Face Craft Print Piece (pg. 10)
Craft Option #3 – God Uses Bad For Good Coloring Page	Crayons or markers	God Uses Bad For Good Coloring Page Print Piece (pg. 11)



## **Bible Story**

**Supplies Needed:** Bible Story Pictures (provided on pg. 5-8)

**Teacher Instruction:** Before class begins, print the Bible Story Pictures. Have the children gathered around so they can see the pictures.

**Say-** Today's Bible story is our last lesson about two friends named Paul and Silas. They loved telling people about Jesus, even when bad things happened to them. One day, they were put in a dark, cold prison because they were doing what was right and sharing God's love. (show pic)

**Say-** Even in that scary place, Paul and Silas didn't give up on God. Instead, they began to sing songs of praise to Him. They knew that God would take care of them, no matter how hard things got.

**Say-** And guess what happened? While they were singing, everyone in the prison started listening! Then—BOOM!—there was a huge earthquake! The ground shook, the prison doors flew open, and all the chains came loose! (show pic)

**Say-** The jailer was very scared when he saw the prison open. He thought everyone had run away. He was so frightened that he was about to hurt himself! But before he could do that, Paul shouted, “Don't worry—we are all here!” (show pic)

**Say-** The jailer was so relieved that he quickly asked, “What must I do to be saved?” (show pic) Paul and Silas told him, “Believe in Jesus, and you will be saved!” (show pic)

**Say-** That night, the jailer took care of Paul and Silas. He helped wash their wounds and even brought them into his home. Later, he and his whole family learned about Jesus and celebrated with a big, happy meal! (show pic)

**Say-** God used the bad that happened to Paul and Silas for good! God can use bad things that happen to you and me for good, too!

**Pray**



# **Hands-On Learning**

**Supplies Needed:** *Used, old, crumpled plastic bottles; fresh, new, full water bottles*

**Teacher Instruction:** *Before class begins, gather classroom materials. Have the children gathered around so they can see any illustration materials.*

**Say-** We have been learning about Paul and Silas. A LOT of bad things happened to them.

**Ask-** Can you remember some of the bad things that happened to Paul and Silas?

**-Allow time for response-**

**Say-** They were beaten, arrested, put in chains, and held in prison. Whoa! That's a long list of bad things.

**Say-** Sometimes, bad stuff happens in our lives, too. People get sick and hurt, and their families argue and fight. We lose friends, and our favorite toy breaks.

**Say-** So, what should we do when bad things happen? We can follow the example of Paul and Silas.

**Say-** They didn't panic or lose hope! Paul and Silas didn't worry themselves sick or cry themselves to sleep.

**Say-** Paul and Silas trusted God and stayed faithful. God had a plan for good, even with all the bad stuff!

**Say-** God has a plan for our lives, even with all the bad stuff! We can trust God to help us through tough times.

**Say-** Let me show you something to help us understand this better. *(Hold up an old, crumpled, dirty plastic water bottle)*

**Say-** This bottle looks pretty bad, doesn't it? It's old, dirty, and crumpled. But did you know that it can be recycled into something good and new?

**Say-** *(Hold up the new, clean water bottle)* Look at this new bottle. It's clean, shiny, and ready to be used. It was made from old bottles like the one I just showed you. That's awesome!

**Say-** Just like these old bottles can be turned into something good and new, God can take the bad things in our lives and use them for good.

**Say-** Let's say it together: "God can use the bad for good!" *(Say the phrase aloud with the kids)*



## **Craft #1: Bible Story Coloring Page**

**Supplies Needed:** Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece (provided on pg. 9); Crayons or markers

**Teacher Instruction:** Before class begins, print the Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece. Make sure you have enough for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for coloring.

**How To Do Craft** - Kids can color freely as they choose.



## **Craft #2: GOOD Smiley Face Craft**

**Supplies Needed:** GOOD Smiley Craft Print Piece (provided on pg. 10); Crayons or Markers

**Teacher Instruction:** Before class begins, print the GOOD Smiley Face Craft Print Pieces. Make sure you have enough craft pages for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for crafting.

**How To Do Craft** - Allow the kids to decorate one GOOD Smiley Face craft by drawing faces in the letter “O’s” in the word GOOD. As you help the kids with the craft, talk about how God can use the bad for good.



## **Craft #3: God Uses Bad For Good Coloring Page**

**Supplies Needed:** God Uses Bad For Good Coloring Page Print Piece (provided on pg. 11); Crayons or markers

**Teacher Instruction:** Before class begins, print the God Uses Bad For Good Coloring Page Print Pieces. Make sure you have enough for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for coloring.

**How To Do Craft** - Kids can color freely as they choose.















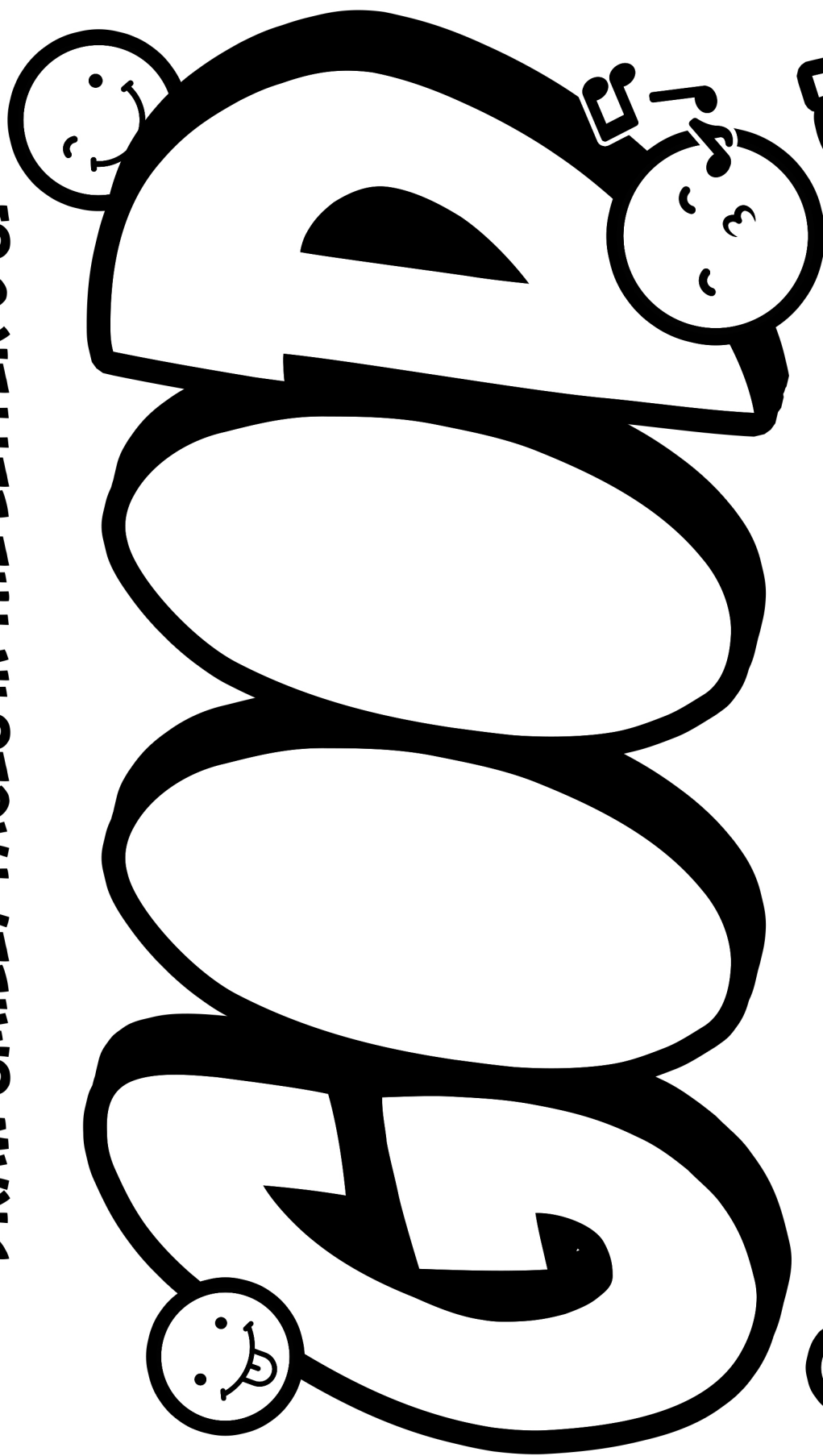






**GOD USED THE BAD THAT HAPPENED TO PAUL AND  
SILAS FOR THE GOOD OF THE JAILER AND HIS FAMILY!**

**DRAW SMILEY FACES IN THE LETTER O'S!**



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