

“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

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!”

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.

(CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)



CHARACTER SKIT

(Continued)

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

.....

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.

.....

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