Dear Family,

Memory Work: John 21:19, Acts 1:8a, Joshua 24:18b, Galatians 5:13b, James 5:16a, Acts 16:31

This week your child heard the Bible story of Paul and Silas who trusted in God's faithful love and protection even in a Philippian jail. Although they faced great hardship, Paul and Silas served the Lord by praying, singing and witnessing there. The children named times when it may be hard to serve God, and they asked God to help them serve him faithfully, even when it may be hard to do so.

Projects for you & your child this week . . .

- Describe difficult situations for your child to act out. For example, looking for a lost pet; falling off your bike and hurting yourself; you are lost in a store; a friend won't share a classroom toy; etc. Then talk about ways to trust Jesus when you are in a difficult situation. Discuss asking God for help, thinking about God's promises to you in his Word, and singing songs of praise to him.

- Look at the *At Home 13* activity. Talk about each of God's servants pictured there and how he or she served God. Use a Bible or Bible dictionary to help you in your discussion.

- Continue to tell others about Jesus: share **Acts 16:31** with a friend; invite someone to church and Sunday school.

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Worship together

Ask God to change your heart. Ask him for a heart filled with love, trust, obedience and service.

Sing hymns of obedience and trust and God's care for his own. For example, "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," "Trust and Obey," and "God, Who Made the Earth."

Continue to pray for those who tell the good news all over the world.

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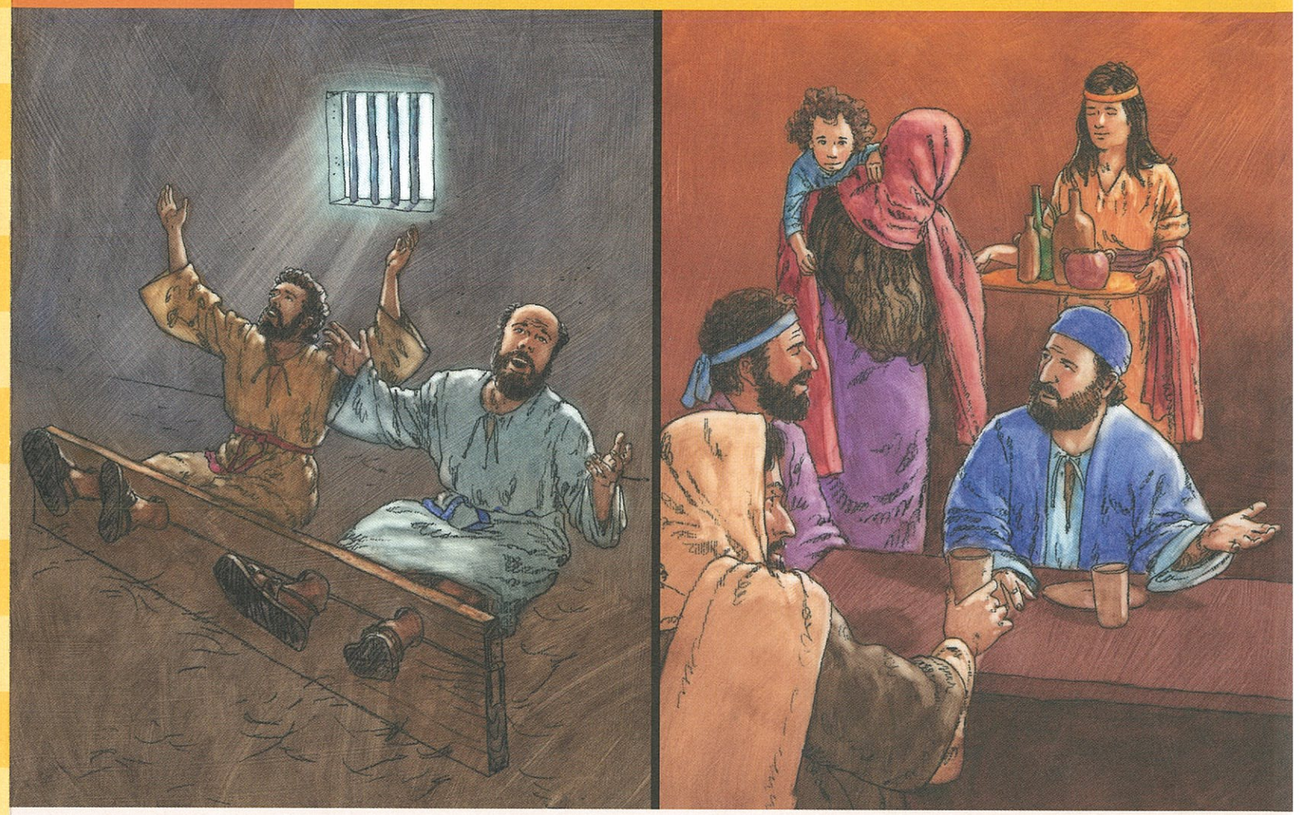
At Home 13



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Faithfully Serving the Lord

Paul went on another missionary journey. This time, he took Silas. When they reached the city of Philippi, some people wanted to stop them from teaching about the Lord Jesus. "These men are making trouble," they shouted.

Paul and Silas were beaten and thrown in jail. They were locked in chains. But that did not stop them from praying and singing praises to God. The other prisoners and the jailer listened as God's servants prayed and sang.

Suddenly there was a powerful earthquake. The doors of the prison flew open. Chains broke loose. The jailer thought all the prisoners had escaped. He was ready to kill himself. But Paul called out, "Don't harm yourself. We are all here."

The jailer fell at the feet of Paul and Silas. "What must I do to be saved?" he asked.

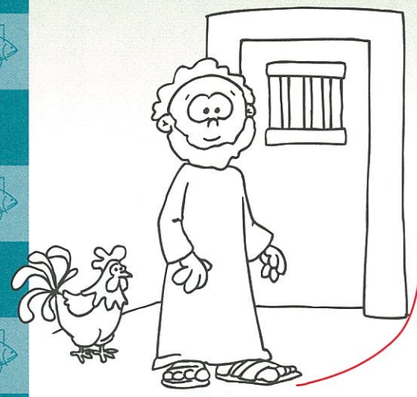
Paul answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household."

The jailer believed in the powerful Savior. He took Paul and Silas to his home. The two men told his household about Jesus. The jailer was filled with joy—along with his whole house—that he believed in God.

Bible story based on Acts 16:16–34, 40

Serving the Savior

Draw a path from each of God's servants to the heart in the middle.
Tell what is in the heart. Color the pictures.



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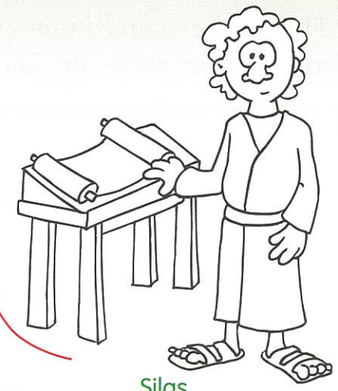

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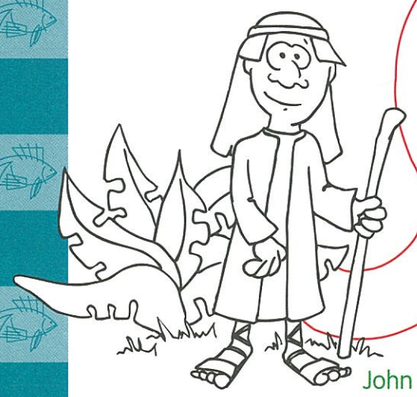

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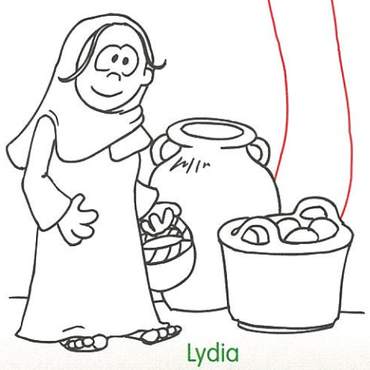

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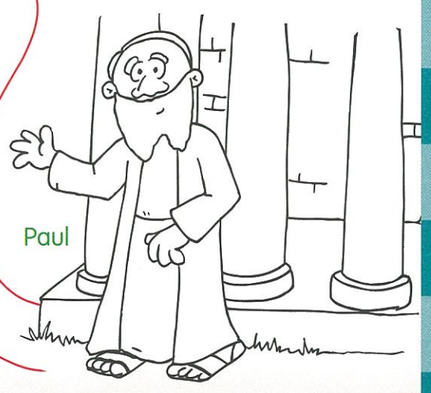

Paul

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