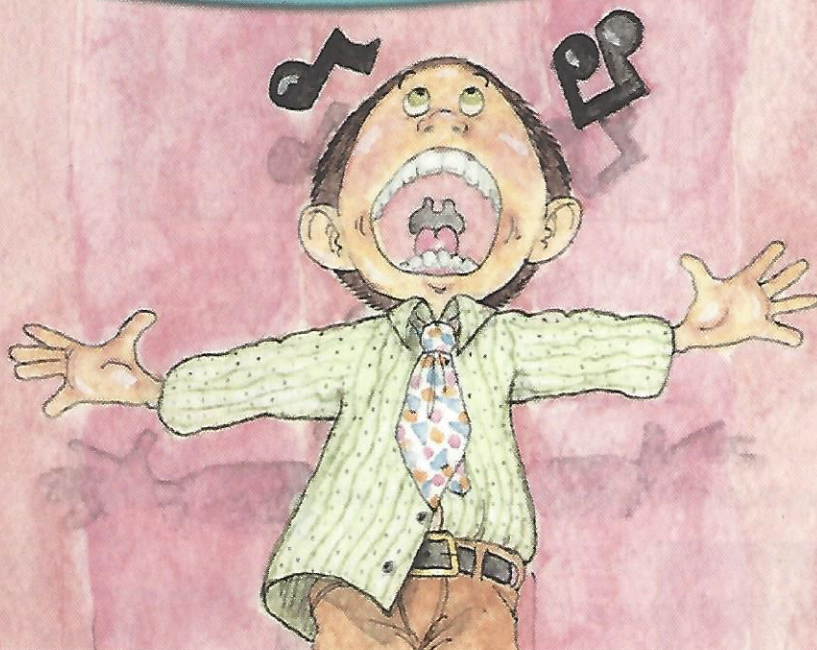


## Matthew Is Brave

by Kerry Kloth



Art by Christine Tripp

Matthew's school class was getting ready for the spring show. The children were going to sing songs for their family and friends.

The teacher asked whether anyone wanted to sing a song at the show. None of the children raised their hands. They were afraid to sing alone in front of so many people.

But Matthew raised his hand. "I want to sing a special song about Jesus," he said.

Some other children teased Matthew because he wanted to sing a special song. Matthew did not listen to them.

On the night of the show, Matthew looked out and saw many people. He started to feel afraid. "Please, God, help me to be brave and sing this song for You. In Jesus' name, amen," Matthew prayed.

When it was his turn to sing, Matthew sang "Jesus Loves Me." He was not afraid anymore and did not forget any of the words.

When the song was over, everyone clapped. Matthew felt happy. He was brave and sang a song for Jesus.

"Thank You, God, for helping me sing a song for You. In Jesus' name, amen," he prayed.



Cross out the letters that spell what's in the picture. Then write the leftover letters in order on the spaces below to finish the Bible verse. Use the word box for help.

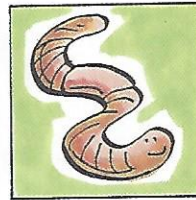
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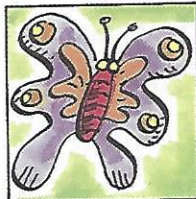
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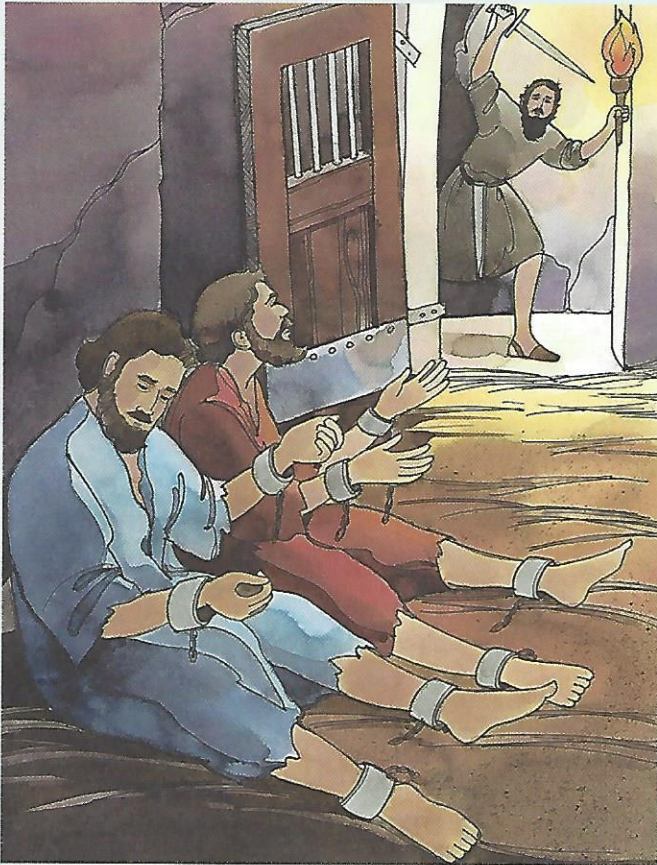
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Mark 16:15

# Paul and Silas Sing in Prison

Bible story from Acts 16:16-34



Art by Len Ebert

Men in Philippi told lies about Paul and Silas. Paul and Silas were beaten and thrown into prison. The jailer put them in chains.

At midnight, Paul and Silas prayed and sang in the prison. The other prisoners listened. Suddenly, there was an earthquake. The prison doors opened, and the chains fell off.

The jailer woke. He thought everyone had escaped. He was going to kill himself.

“Don’t harm yourself!” Paul shouted. “We are all here!”

Paul and Silas told the jailer about Jesus. He and his family believed in Jesus and were baptized.



**Say this  
Bible  
Memory**

**Always be prepared  
to give an answer  
to everyone who  
asks you to give the  
reason for the hope  
that you have.**

**1 Peter 3:15**

## Daily Family Devotional Readings

- Sunday ..... Acts 16:16-18
- Monday ..... Acts 16:19-21
- Tuesday ..... Acts 16:22-24
- Wednesday ..... Acts 16:25-28
- Thursday ..... Acts 16:29-31
- Friday ..... Acts 16:32-34
- Saturday ..... Ephesians 5:19, 20

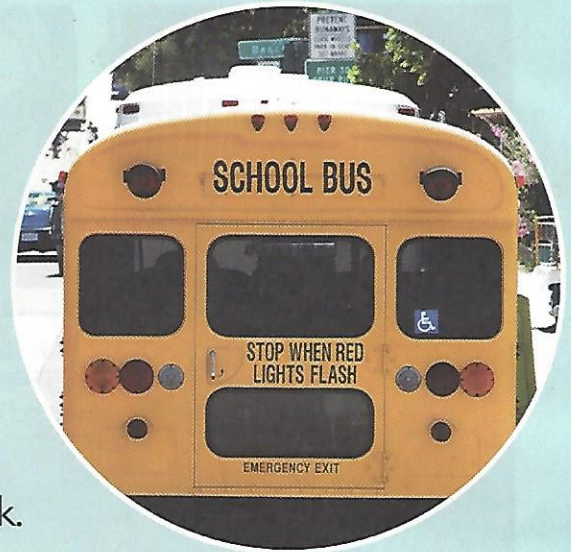
These verses review the Bible story, Paul and Silas Sing in Prison.



# FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES

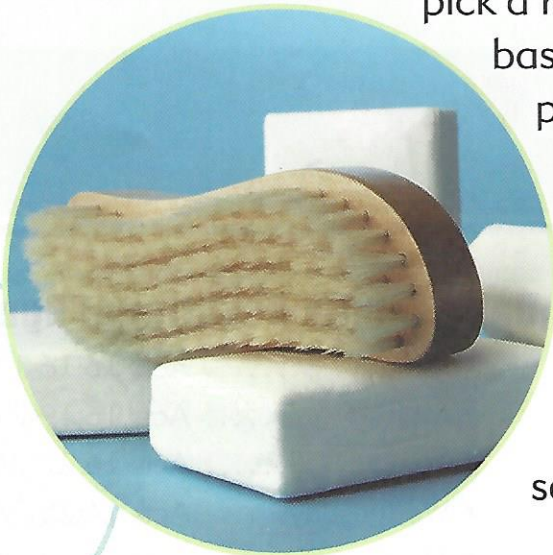
## FAMILY OUTING

Paul and Silas sang in prison. See how many different times and places your family can sing about Jesus this week. Try singing a song about Jesus in the car, on the way to school or work, before bedtime, before dinner, at the playground, and so on. Each day make a list of all the times and places you sang, and count them up at the end of the week.



## TOGETHER TIME!

Cleaning times can be family fun times too. As a family, pick a room in your house to clean. (The basement or garage would be a perfect place for this activity.) Gather cleaning supplies—and flashlights. Close window shades and turn off the lights. Take turns shining the flashlights on areas that need cleaning. As you clean in the dark place, sing songs about Jesus, just as Paul and Silas sang in their situation.



Remember, **WE CAN TELL ABOUT JESUS EVEN WHEN IT'S HARD.**