



3rd -5th

April 27-28, 2013

DATE

Paul and Silas

LESSON TITLE

Acts 16:16-40 (Pg. 1220-1221)

WHERE TO FIND IT

When we worship, God helps us!

MAIN POINT

schedule

Hang out with kids (10 minutes): Ask kids about their week. Get kids into groups and play games together.

Large Group (30 minutes): Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group. And don't be afraid to redirect kids who aren't!

Small Group (20-30 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive.

*If you **all** have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.*

tips

Pray with your team. Being with a gaggle of energetic kids can be challenging. Invite God to be with you or your team as you tell a very exciting part of God's story today.

check-in/out

large group heads up

Paul and Silas served and worshiped God! Today, we're going to focus on what happened when they worshiped...and how God shows up when we worship, too!



instructions

Goal: to remind kids to focus on what God has done for them at all times, even when they don't feel like it.

Why? God reveals his power when we worship him and give him thanks; we want kids to see God work in their lives.

Tip: Try to get kids to memorize parts or all of today's small group verse. Make up motions, have them repeat parts back to you, even ask them to re-write it on their slap bracelet.

small group

CONNECT

1. Ask kids to share the best thing about their week.
2. OR (*if you've already connected with them before large group*) ask kids to share their favorite way to worship.
3. Do you guys have any questions about what worship is or how/when we can do it? (it's telling God we love him and think he's great through many things, like singing, dancing, praying, listening to God, playing an instrument, admiring his creation, saying thank you, etc.)

REVIEW THE STORY

4. Who can retell in 30 seconds what happened in the story today? Give us the quick version. *Get out your phone or pretend in your head to actually time a kid. If a kid runs out of time, let another kid take 30 seconds to help out. Hit these points:*
 - a. Paul and Silas went to jail
 - b. They worshiped God in jail
 - c. God sent an earthquake that opened the jail doors
 - d. They decided to stay so the jailer didn't get in trouble
 - e. They told him about Jesus
 - f. The jailer decided to follow Jesus
 - g. He let Paul and Silas go free!

ACTIVITY

- Read Psalm 50:23 again: **Anyone who sacrifices thank offerings to me honors me. He makes it possible for me to show him that I am the God who saves.**
- Tell them that when we worship, even in rough situations, God helps us.
- Give each kid a **slap bracelet and markers**.

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- Acknowledge that it can be hard to remember to worship God during hard times. So we are going to design our own slap bracelet as a reminder to worship God. Kids can make a cool design that they want to wear, design it so it looks like a “chain” to remind them that Paul and Silas praised God in chains, draw the word “thanks”—or whatever they want!

As they draw, RELATE

5. What’s one situation you’d like God to help you with this week?
6. What’s one thing you’re thankful for in that situation? (Help kids figure out how to give thanks in imperfect circumstances. If nothing else, they can thank God for sending Jesus. It can be different than the thing they are drawing. If you can, give a kid-friendly example of this in your own life.)
7. What’s hard about giving thanks during bad times?
8. Why do you think God wants you to remember to give thanks? (This is a great time to begin memorizing the verse together! See the small group tip for details.)

***Pray with kids and tell God how great he is. Ask God to speak to each of you—and give kids a few seconds of silence to hear from God. Then ask them if they want to share anything before they leave.**

Extra time? Stay in small groups and memorize the verse or play a group game like hangman or telephone—or grab a board game in the room.

LARGE group

special notes

Today's emphasis should be on worshipping God—and how God shows us his power when we praise him. Make sure you remind kids over and over that there are many ways to worship God. Worship is just telling him you love him and think he's great!

presenter tips

Change things up a bit! Spin around, change the volume of your voice, or sit down and start whispering. Change up your tone and posture to keep kids guessing! There are some movements written into one part of the script today: try them out. If they go well, build your own—ones that flow naturally for you—into every script!

script

Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club! I'm so happy to see each of you here today. Today is going to be all about worship. Does anybody know what worship is? (Let kids respond.) Yep, and you can do it in a LOT of different ways, but it's really just praising God—telling him that you love him and think he's great!

WE CAN WORSHIP IN MANY WAYS

What are some of the ways that you guys can worship God? (Let kids say singing, dancing, praying, listening to God, admiring parts of God's creation, etc.) That's right, all those are examples of some of the ways we can tell God we love him and think he's great! Let's start today with a verse about praising—or worshiping--God:

SLIDE: Psalm 150

Praise the LORD.

Praise God in his holy temple.

Praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his powerful acts.

Praise him because he is greater than anything else.

Praise him by blowing trumpets.

Praise him with harps and lyres.

Praise him with tambourines and dancing.

Praise him with stringed instruments and flutes.

Praise him with clashing cymbals.

Praise him with clanging cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD.



script continued

LARGE GROUP WORSHIP ACTIVITY

Like this verse says, we can praise God anywhere, in lots of different ways. Now, WHO does it say is supposed to praise the Lord? (Let kids say: everyone who has breath.) Yes, so if you're breathing, stand up! We're going to praise God together before we go into today's story.

Every week, we worship together through singing, but today, we're going to focus on worshiping by thanking God for who he is and what he's done. So everybody think in your head of ONE thing you are thankful for. It can be something like tigers or trees, a person like your mom or dad, a place like your room or the beach, maybe even a thing you are thankful for, like pizza or ice cream. (Give kids a minute to think.)

Okay, I'm going to play a song. As it plays, there are going to be a couple of **beach balls** (use the appropriate number for your room) bouncing around. Your goal is to keep them up in the air. Whenever it gets to you, yell out one thing you are thankful for. Or, if you're feeling shy, say thank you in your head. It's good to praise God out loud, but he hears our thoughts, too!

(Ask somebody turn the song down a little so it's lower than your normal volume. Then start the song and send 1 or 2 beach balls into the crowd—you choose which number is best for your group. Go first and say something you're thankful for.)

Song: *Jesus is Better Than the Best* (lyric ONLY version, no dancing)

WE CAN WORSHIP ANYWHERE, ANYTIME

Great job! Now everybody sit down. (Let kids sit.) It's pretty cool to worship altogether. Sometimes it feels like we can only worship God at church. But did you guys know we can worship him anywhere? He tells us to praise him in the good times and the bad times (James 5:13).

WHEN WE WORSHIP, GOD SHOWS UP

Today's story is about a time when two guys named Paul and Silas worshiped God in *jail*. When they did, something pretty cool happened. Because when we praise God, he helps us!

As you watch, see if you can figure out what happened when Paul and Silas praised Jesus in jail. (Don't forget to turn the volume up!)

Video: *God's Story / Paul and Silas*

Wow, what a great story! So what happened when Paul and Silas worshiped Jesus in jail? (Let kids respond.) Yes, God sent an earthquake, which caused all the chains to fall off Paul and Silas. The jail doors shook open, and they were free!

Now, they didn't go anywhere because they didn't want the jailer to lose his job. Instead, they stayed to tell him about Jesus! To them, telling the jailer about Jesus was more important than getting out of prison. And because they did that, the jailer really did let them go free!



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Let's read Psalm 50:23 together. It reminds us that God will help all of us when we decide to praise and thank him:

**SLIDE: Psalm 50:23 -Anyone who sacrifices thank offerings to me honors me.
He makes it possible for me to show him that I am the God who saves.**

That means when we choose to thank God and praise him—even in the hard times—he really does help us! Sometimes he helps us in BIG ways, like how he got Paul and Silas out of jail; sometimes he helps us in *other* ways, like bringing us peace and helping us to feel okay right in the middle of a very bad day when nothing's going right. That's great news!

MORE WORSHIP

No matter what kind of a day you're having, let's choose to praise together again now—by singing and dancing and telling Jesus how great he is!

Song: *Because You Love Me* (hand motions and lyrics on screen)

PRAY

Let's take a minute and ask God if there's anything he wants to say to us today. (Ask and then wait a few seconds.) Can somebody come up and pray for us today?



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PREP needs



small group supplies

- 1 design-your-own slap bracelet per kid (OT:IN-57/6532)
- Plenty of markers

large group supplies

- 2 inflatable beach balls (any size)
- Adventure Bible (Acts 16:16-40: pg. 1220-1221)

a/v needs

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. SLIDE: Psalm 150 (See exact wording in script.)2. Song: Better than the Best (live lyric version ONLY—no dance moves!)3. Video: God's Story / Paul and Silas (please remove the "serve" intro from the Strong Journey)4. SLIDE: Psalm 50:23- Anyone who sacrifices thank offerings to me honors | <ul style="list-style-type: none">me. He makes it possible for me to show him that I am the God who saves.5. Song: Because You Love Me (version that shows both live lyrics and hand motions) |
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special room set-up

None

connect questions

Tell me about Paul and Silas.
What happens when we worship God?

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God wants us to worship him in good times and bad times by praising or thanking him. When we do, he helps us. One big example of this is the story of when Paul and Silas worshiped God from inside a prison cell. Ask your kid about it. You can also read this story together in Acts 16:16-40 or watch a video about it on CrossroadsKidsClub.net.