

Teacher's Guide: Adaptation for Children with Disabilities Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts through Revelation Unit 3, Lesson 13

# Paul and Silas in Prison—Part 1

Lesson Aim: To praise God for His miracle.

### THE WORSHIP

Who God is: The God Who Saves Us

### THE WORD

Bible Story: Acts 16:25-26

What He has done: God freed Paul and Silas from prison.

#### THE WAY

Whisper Verse: "We will share with you."

### **BIBLE MEMORY VERSE**

"The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save." Zephaniah 3:17a

#### Challenge Verse for older children:

"Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable— if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." Philippians 4:8

Unit 3: The Promise of Salvation				
	Bible Story	What He Has Done	Lesson Aim	
12	Paul Visits Macedonia,	The Holy Spirit led Paul to	To respond to calls for help.	
	Acts 16:9-10	Macedonia.		
13	Paul and Silas in Prison—Part 1,	God freed Paul and Silas from	To praise God for His miracle.	
	Acts 16:25-26	prison.		
14	Paul and Silas in Prison—Part 2,	God freed Paul and Silas from	To learn to praise the Lord	
	Acts 16:25-26	prison.	everywhere, every day in good	
			times and bad times.	
15	The Resurrection: Jesus Lives—Part 1,	Jesus died to save us and was	To know Jesus died to save us	
	John 20:1-18	raised from the dead.	and then rose to life.	
16	The Resurrection: Jesus Lives—Part 2,	Jesus died to save us and was	To tell others Jesus died to save	
	John 20:1-18	raised from the dead.	us and then rose to life.	

#### **TEACHER'S ENCOURAGEMENT**

This week, read Psalm 119:32-40. Please join us in praying, "Thank You, Lord, for opening our hearts to want to follow You. Fill the children with Your Holy Spirit so they will respond to Your call and follow You every day. Amen.

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Segment	Minutes	Activity	Supplies
THE WELCOME	Up to 15	Picture Schedule Cards	Cards with picture illustrating the activities: WELCOME, WORSHIP, BIBLE, CRAFT, PRAYER, SNACK, GAMES, COLORING, GOING HOME. Envelope labeled FINISHED. Optional: To display schedule, use Velcro to attach laminated Picture Schedule cards to a felt board.
		Treasure Chest	Stamp or sticker of a Bible
		Whisper Verse	Sign language for "We will share with you."
THE WORSHIP	Up to 20	Worship Sheet music and recordings for Bible Memory Verse Songs available at ResourceWell.org.	Unit 3 Bible Memory Verse Song: "He Is Mighty to Save" Other Bible Memory Verse Song Suggestions: "Everyone Who Calls," "It's Praise Time" "Love One Another," "We Love" "Let Everything That Has Breath" Additional Hymn Suggestions: "How Great Is Our God" "God Is So Good"
		Offering	Baskets
		Worship Illustration	Prophets & Promises Lesson 14 Delbert & Lello or Commander Cosmos script or storybook
THE WORD	Up to 10	Watch the Word: Acts 16:25-26	Teacher's Bible with bookmark at Acts 16:25 Visual: Chain or chain link Flannel board/figures: Paul and Silas in prison Clay or play-dough option: Chain
THE WAY	Up to 25	Craft: Painting of Praise	Sturdy white paper, watercolors, paintbrushes, cups of water
		Circle of Prayer or Lord's Prayer	Lord's Prayer word and picture book
		Snack: Share Your Snack	Individually-wrapped snacks
		Unit 3 Games: Sand Search	Bin or container of clean sand, toy boat, small chain or chain link, cross
		Blanket Ball	Blanket or sturdy tablecloth, ball or balloon
		Bean Bag Toss	Several beanbags, one rope or floor tape
		Musical Chairs	Unit 3 Bible Memory Verse Song, CD player, chairs
		Freeze Dance	Unit 3 Bible Memory Verse Song, CD player
		Thumbs Up Or Thumbs Down?	None, optional: hand puppet or finger puppets
		Scenes from Commander Cosmos (older children only)	Commander Cosmos scripts for Lessons 12, 14, 15
		Act it Out	Bible times clothing or stick puppets of: Paul, Silas, Jesus, Peter, John, Mary
	Final 5	Final Five	Daily Way (Adaptation): Unit 3, Lesson 13 Color This Story: "Paul and Silas Praise the Lord"

**RESOURCES:** Supplemental materials are available at ResourceWell.org.



## PICTURE SCHEDULE: WELCOME TIME

WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME

Welcome each child as they arrive. Hello \_\_\_\_\_. I'm glad you are here! Come and see what we are going to do today. Point to each card on the Picture Schedule board. Today, we will <u>WELCOME</u> everyone. We will read the <u>BIBLE</u> story and make a <u>CRAFT</u>. We will have <u>PRAYER</u> time and eat a <u>SNACK</u>. We will play <u>GAMES</u> and enjoy <u>COLORING</u> a picture about today's story.

Open the Treasure Chest to find today's treasure. Child unlocks Treasure Chest to receive a stamp or sticker of a Bible. Let this stamp or sticker of a Bible help you remember to share the good news about Jesus with others. That's what Paul and his friend Silas did. Today's Whisper Verse is "We will share with you." Teach the Whisper Verse in spoken language and in sign language below. We call it the Whisper Verse so you can whisper it to others.\*

SIGN LANGUAGE: "We will share with you."

(For visual demonstrations, see www.signingsavvy.com.)

Each time we say today's Whisper Verse, let's say it with three hand motions:

"We (will)" Right index finger points down at the ground with hand beginning at the right

shoulder and moving around the front of the chest in a half circle motion to the left

shoulder.

"share (with)" Both hands are open with fingers together. Sweep the outside of the right hand pinky

finger back and forth along the left hand's index finger and thumb.

"you." The index finger of the right hand points forward as the arm moves forward from

body at waist level.

Allow children to enjoy free play until everyone has arrived. Let's sing the "Clean Up Song" as we put toys away before Praise Time. Praise any child who helps. Allow several minutes for clean up.

"Clean Up Song": Clean up! Clean up! Everybody, everywhere!

Clean up! Clean up! Everybody do your share!

Gather and seat children in Praise Time area.

\*Today's Whisper Verse: "We will share with you," Numbers 10:32. The Whisper Verse is a tool to help the children learn a major point in the lesson. It is coupled with sign language or hand motions as a memory aid. The verse is not necessarily chosen from today's Bible story.



# **PICTURE SCHEDULE: WORSHIP TIME**

WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME

Choose a child to remove the <u>WELCOME</u> picture card and place it in the <u>FINISHED</u> envelope. **We have finished our Welcome Time**. **Now**, **we will have our Worship Time**.

Children may worship in a large group with other classes or in a quiet room with a worship CD or DVD.

**Teacher Tip:** To help children identify time set aside for worship, play "It's Praise Time!" as children move to a designated place for praise songs, offering, and the worship illustration. Children who are nonverbal may enjoy participating in the music by playing children's percussion instruments such as maracas, jingle bells, wood blocks, or small tambourines. Children who are sensitive to sound may prefer to wear noise reduction headphones.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the God who saves us. In today's story, Paul and his friend Silas sang praises to God while they were in prison together. Paul was Saul's new name. Paul and Silas were traveling together to share the good news about Jesus with everyone they met. That reminds me of our Whisper Verse today. Let's try it together. Review Whisper Verse together: "We will share with you." Include sign language.



Before I share today's story with you, let's praise God together as Paul and Silas did. Sing: "How Great Is Our God."

Paul and Silas gave their praise to the Lord by singing. Another way to praise the Lord is by giving our offering. Let's do that now. Play: "God Is So Good" as background music while collecting the offering.

In today's story, we will learn God sent an earthquake to free Paul and Silas from prison. God was with them. He showed His mighty power when He sent the earthquake. Let's praise Him because He is with us and He is mighty to save us. Sing: "He Is Mighty to Save."



Let's see if Delbert and Lello have heard about Paul and Silas. Perform *The Adventures of Delbert and Lello* puppet script or read storybook: Prophets & Promises Unit 3, Lesson 14.\*



Paul and Silas sang praises to God when they were in prison. We can praise God anywhere and any time. We can praise Him when we are happy and when we are sad. We can praise Him in good times and in bad times, too. Let's praise Him together now! Sing: "Let Everything That Has Breath."

<sup>\*</sup> May substitute Lesson 14 Commander Cosmos script or storybook.



# PICTURE SCHEDULE: BIBLE TIME

WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME

Choose a child to remove the <u>WORSHIP</u> picture card and place it in the <u>FINISHED</u> envelope. **We have finished our Worship Time**. **Now**, **we will have our Bible Time**.

Last time, we learned Paul went to help the Macedonians. Today, we will see how Paul and his friend Silas praised God while they were in prison. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Acts 16:25.

# WATCH THE WORD: ACTS 16:25-26

Read the points below or retell the passage in your own words using the points below as a general guide. To illustrate the story, display a chain or chain link. Have children assist by placing Bible Story figures on a flannel board. Other visual options include Color This Story or a related picture. Optional: To help children focus, have them create a chain from clay or play dough as they listen to the story.

- > Paul and Silas went to prison,
- Though they had done nothing wrong.
- > The guard put their feet in chains and stocks,
- But they still sang praise songs.
- > The prisoners listened to Silas and Paul
- > As they praised the Lord that night.
- > Then an earthquake came, and the chains came loose,
- And the prison doors opened wide!



Was it daytime or nighttime when Paul and Silas prayed and sang to God? (Nighttime.) Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read Acts 16:25 from the teacher's Bible.

Who were Paul and Silas singing praises to? (God.) Our Whisper Verse tells us the answer. Let's say it together: "Praise the Lord." Include sign language or hand motions. Remember, God has many names. One of God's names is "Lord."



# **PICTURE SCHEDULE: CRAFT TIME**

WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME

Choose a child to remove the <u>BIBLE</u> picture card and place it in the <u>FINISHED</u> envelope. **We have finished our Bible Time. Now, it is Craft Time.** 

### **CRAFT: PAINTING OF PRAISE**

**Purpose:** To encourage the children to be specific in praising God. **Supplies:** Sturdy white paper, watercolors, paintbrushes, cups of water

Paul and Silas praised God by singing. Today, we are going to praise God by painting a picture of something He has done. For example, you can praise God for making rainbows by painting a rainbow, or you can praise Him for giving you a friend by painting a picture of your friend.

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Paint a picture on the paper by dipping the paintbrush in water and then into watercolor paints.
- 2. Print the child's name on the lower corner of the painting.

#### **Craft Discussion:**

- ➤ Where were Paul and Silas? (In prison.)
- > What did Paul and Silas do in prison? (Prayed and sang praise to the Lord.)
- > Who heard Paul and Silas singing and praying? (God and the other people in the prison.)
- > What happened when the earthquake shook the prison? (The doors opened and the chains fell off.)

# THE WAY continued...



# CIRCLE OF PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

# **PICTURE SCHEDULE: PRAYER TIME**

<u>WELCOME</u> > <u>WORSHIP</u> > <u>BIBLE</u> > <u>CRAFT</u> > <u>PRAYER</u> > <u>SNACK</u> > <u>GAMES</u> > <u>COLORING</u> > <u>GOING HOME</u>

Choose a child to remove the <u>CRAFT</u> picture card and place it in the <u>FINISHED</u> envelope. **We have finished our Craft Time. Now, it is Prayer Time.** 

God made you and He cares for you. He loves to hear you pray with private words or words you say out loud. Let's fold our hands and close our eyes. As I lift up your name to God in heaven, I will lay my hand on your shoulder. Let's pray together.

Dear God, thank You for making us and loving us. We lift up to You a special prayer for \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ (say every name). We pray for our families and friends. Thank You for teaching us how to love one another. Amen. You may add the Lord's Prayer with the word picture book.

## **PICTURE SCHEDULE: SNACK TIME**

WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME

Choose a child to remove the <u>PRAYER</u> picture card and place it in the <u>FINISHED</u> envelope. **We have finished our Prayer Time. Now, it is Snack Time.** 

**Teacher Tip:** It is important to keep a record of all dietary restrictions and allergies accessible. Some parents may prefer to bring their child's snack. Depending on the dietary needs of your classroom, you may determine it is best to omit snack time completely.

# **SNACK: SHARE YOUR SNACK**

**Purpose:** Children will share their snack and share their reports of praise with each other.

**Snack Suggestion:** Individually-wrapped snacks

Today, we will share our snack with each other. We will also share our reports of praise by telling each other something we praise God for. We can praise God for what He has done or for the wonderful things we love about God. Help children find partners before singing the blessing.

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Serve the drinks.
- 2. **Let's sing the "Blessing Song."** Sing to the tune of "Frere Jacques" or other familiar tune. **God our Father, God our Father. Once again, once again.**

Thank you for our blessings. Thank you for our blessings. Amen. Amen.

- 3. Lead discussion below while children enjoy their snack.
  - ➤ Give each child a snack for their partner. Have the children face their partners and give them their snack as they share something they praise God for.
  - Paul and Silas praised the Lord by singing songs and praying. There are many ways to praise Him: dancing, giving our offering, and playing music are just a few.
  - ➤ Who remembers our Whisper Verse? Choose a child to demonstrate the motions to the Whisper Verse: "Praise the Lord."
  - We can praise Him everywhere, every day. He always hears our praise.
  - What is your favorite way to praise the Lord? (Dance, sing, pray, shout, etc.)

# THE WAY (GAME OPTIONS)

## **UNIT 3 GAME OPTIONS**

Play one or more of the activities below until the last five minutes of class then proceed to Final Five.

# **PICTURE SCHEDULE: GAMES TIME**

WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME

Choose a child to remove the <u>SNACK</u> picture card and place it in the <u>FINISHED</u> envelope. **We have finished our Snack Time. Now, is our time to play Games.** 

# **GAME: SAND SEARCH**

**Purpose:** This sand sifting activity soothes children. The items in the bin can be used to introduce the Bible stories or the Unit 3 Worship Attribute: The God Who Saves Us.

**Supplies:** Bin or container of clean sand, toy boat, small chain or chain link, cross

**Prepare:** Place all items beneath the surface of the sand.

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Children take turns reaching into the sand to search for the objects.
- 2. Teacher and children discuss each object as it is located.
- 3. When all the objects have been located, display them on a tabletop or on the surface of the sand.
- 4. Children feel each item as the teacher explains their connection to the Unit 3 Bible stories. The boat reminds us that Paul sailed to Macedonia to help the people there know about Jesus. The chain (link) reminds us that the chains fell off of Paul and Silas during the earthquake. The cross reminds us that Jesus died to save us. He rose from the dead and is alive forever!

# **GAME: BLANKET BALL**

**Purpose:** Children catch a ball in a blanket or parachute to remember the Unit 3 Bible Memory Verse. **Supplies:** Blanket or sturdy tablecloth, ball or balloon

**Bible Memory Challenge:** For a more difficult game, use the Unit 3 Bible Memory Challenge Verse. Phrases may be divided as follows: "Whatever is true/ whatever is noble/ whatever is right/ whatever is pure/ whatever is lovely/ whatever is admirable/ if anything is excellent/ or praiseworthy/ think about such things."

Let's play Blanket Ball. In this game, we will remind each other of our Bible Memory Verse (Zephaniah 3:17a): "The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save." Each time we toss the ball into the air and catch it in the blanket, we will say a phrase of the Bible Memory Verse.

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Children stand in a circle holding the edges of the blanket.
- 2. Place a ball or balloon in the center of the blanket.
- 3. Together, the children quickly raise the blanket to toss the ball or balloon into the air.
- 4. As the ball lands, lead children in saying a phrase of the Bible Memory Verse. Phrases can be divided as follows: "The Lord your God/ is with you./ He is mighty to save."
- 5. Play several times.

# **GAME: BEAN BAG TOSS**

Purpose: To help children review the Unit 3 Bible Memory Verse.

Supplies: Several beanbags, one rope or floor tape

**Prepare:** Use rope or floor tape to create a large target area on the floor.

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Give a beanbag to the first child.
- 2. Stand with the child about 6 feet from the target.
- 3. Before tossing the beanbag, the child says part or all of the Bible Memory Verse. (The teacher may say it with the child as needed.)
- 4. Child tosses the beanbag at the target.
- 5. Children take turns to see who can reach the target.
- 6. Repeat, as time allows.

# **GAME: MUSICAL CHAIRS**

**Purpose:** This version of Musical Chairs familiarizes children with the Unit 3 Bible Memory Verse Song. **Supplies:** Unit 3 Bible Memory Verse Song "He Is Mighty to Save" or "Whatever Is True," CD player, chair for each child

**Prepare:** Set enough chairs for each child back-to-back in a row.

**Teacher Tip:** In this version of musical chairs, no chair is removed; all children remain in the game. Leave one or more spaces at the end of the row of chairs for any children in wheelchairs. Encourage quick listening and affirm those who are the first to hear the music stop and are seated.

To practice our Bible Memory Verse Song, let's play Musical Chairs.

#### **Directions:**

- 1. As the Bible Memory Verse Song plays, children march around the row of chairs and sing.
- 2. The teacher stops the music at different intervals during the song.
- 3. When the music stops, children find the nearest chair and sit immediately.
- 4. Repeat, as time allows.

# **GAME: FREEZE DANCE**

Purpose: To practice the Unit 3 Bible Memory Verse Song.

Supplies: Unit 3 Bible Memory Verse Song "He Is Mighty to Save" or "Whatever Is True," CD player

To practice our Bible Memory Verse Song, let's play Freeze Dance. Be sure to stop and freeze when you hear the music stop.

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Children dance as the Bible Memory Verse Song is played.
- 2. The teacher stops the music at different intervals during the song.
- 3. When the music stops, the children "freeze (stop in place and don't move).
- 4. When the music restarts, the children begin dancing again.
- 5. Play as long as you like.

### **GAME: THUMBS UP OR THUMBS DOWN?**

Purpose: This nonverbal true-false game helps children master the Bible story or the Unit 3 Bible

Memory Verse.

Supplies: None, optional: hand puppet or finger puppets

#### Directions:

- 1. Teacher or puppet retells today's Bible story or Bible Memory Verse, pausing after each phrase to say "Thumbs up or thumbs down."
- 2. If retelling the Bible story, read it in phrases. For some phrases, state accurate story facts. For other phrases, replace story facts with silly facts. For example, say, "Paul had a dream about the man from Macedonia. Thumbs up or thumbs down?" (Children respond with thumbs up.) "Silas had a dream about the man from Macedonia. Thumbs up or thumbs down?" (Children respond with thumbs down.)
- 3. If reviewing the Bible Memory Verse, read it in phrases. For some phrases, read it correctly. For other phrases, replace a word with a word that makes no sense. For example, say, "The Lord your God is with you. Thumbs up or thumbs down?" (Children respond with thumbs up.) "The Lord your God is far away. Thumbs up or thumbs down?" (Children respond with thumbs down.)

# **GAME: SCENES FROM COMMANDER COSMOS**

**Purpose:** To learn applications of the Unit 3 Bible stories, older children act out today's Commander Cosmos script.

**Supplies:** Commander Cosmos scripts for Lessons 12, 14, 15

#### Directions:

- 1. Choose the script that corresponds with today's Bible story.
- 2. Assign each child a character name and improvise with the script so all the children can be their favorite character, a new character, or just take turns being the same character.
- 3. Act it out!

# **GAME: ACT IT OUT**

**Purpose:** To help learn the Unit 3 stories, children act them out in costumes or with stick puppets. **Supplies:** Bible times clothing or pictures of the following characters attached to craft sticks: Paul, Silas, Jesus, Peter, John, Mary

**Directions:** With each phrase, the teacher says the phrase and acts it out with hand motions, then repeats the same phrase and motions with the children.

**Optional:** Children can wear costumes and act out the story, or children can hold craft sticks with the story characters. You may choose one or more stories.

(Stories are on the next page.)

#### **GAME: ACT IT OUT continued**

#### PAUL VISITS MACEDONIA

- > God gave Paul a dream one night, (Place folded hand under cheek as a pillow.)
- > Of a man from a faraway land. (Point far away.)
- > "Come over," said the man from Macedonia, (Beckoning motion.)
- "And help us understand." (Place hands on heart.)
- > So, Paul sailed to Macedonia, (Point far away.)
- > To teach them about God's Son. (Point to heaven.)
- > He went to preach the good news, (Cup hands around mouth as if shouting)
- ➤ That their Savior Jesus had come. (Raise hands over head as if cheering silently.)

#### PAUL AND SILAS IN PRISON

- > Paul and Silas went to prison, (Point far away.)
- > Though they had done nothing wrong. (Shrug shoulders.)
- > The guard put their feet in chains and stocks, (Clasp hands around ankles.)
- > But they still sang praise songs. (Cup hands around mouth as if shouting.)
- > The prisoners listened to Silas and Paul (Cup hand around ear as if listening.)
- > As they praised the Lord that night. (Raise hands in praise.)
- > Then an earthquake came, and the chains came loose, (Shake whole body.)
- And the prison doors opened wide! (Put hands together, and then spread arms wide.)

#### THE RESURRECTION: JESUS LIVES

- > Jesus came to save the world. (Point to heaven.)
- ➤ He died for every boy and girl. (Point to other children.)
- ➤ He died on the cross for me and you. (Spread arms.)
- > They placed His body in a tomb. (Cup hands with palms up.)
- > They closed the tomb with a heavy stone. (Close palms as a closing an entrance.)
- ➤ His friends were sad—they felt alone. (Make a sad face.)
- Mary came back on the third day. (Raise three fingers.)
- > She saw the stone was rolled away. (Hands on cheeks with look of surprise.)
- Mary ran to tell Peter and John! (Run in place.)
- > They ran and saw that Jesus was gone! (Run in place.)
- Peter wondered where Jesus could be. (Shrug shoulders, palms up.)
- > John looked inside and he believed. (Cup hands around eyes as eyeglasses.)
- Mary saw Jesus with her own eyes! (Point to eyes.)
- > She ran to tell others about this surprise. (Run in place.)
- "I've seen the Lord," Mary said. (Point to self.)
- "He has risen from the dead!" (Clap joyfully.)



When only 5 minutes remain, begin this segment.

# **FINAL FIVE MINUTES**

# PICTURE SCHEDULE: COLORING TIME

<u>WELCOME</u> > <u>WORSHIP</u> > <u>BIBLE</u> > <u>CRAFT</u> > <u>PRAYER</u> > <u>SNACK</u> > <u>GAMES</u> > <u>COLORING</u> > <u>GOING HOME</u> Choose a child to remove the <u>GAMES</u> picture card and place it in the <u>FINISHED</u> envelope. **We have** finished our Game Time. Now, is our time for coloring the picture of today's story.

<u>COMPLETED CRAFT</u>: Take home your "Painting of Praise" craft. Tell someone about something you praise God for.

<u>DAILY WAY (ADAPTATION FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES</u>): Distribute this version of the Daily Way, if available. Show the Daily Way to your family. Talk about how Paul and Silas praised God while they were in prison.

**COLOR THIS STORY:** "Paul and Silas Praise the Lord." Discuss the Bible story and play the Unit 3 Bible Memory Verse Song, "He Is Mighty to Save," or "Whatever Is True" as children color.

As coloring is completed or parents arrive:

# PICTURE SCHEDULE: GOING HOME

WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME

Choose a child to remove the <u>COLORING</u> picture card and place it in the <u>FINISHED</u> envelope. **We have finished our Coloring Time**. **Now**, it is time for Going Home.

#### THE DAILY WAY

Unit 3, Lesson 13: Paul and Silas in Prison—Part 1

**PONDER!** Read Acts 16:25-26 with your family. Where were Paul and Silas? What did the prisoners hear them doing in the prison? Paul and Silas praised God even during hard times. We can praise God during good times and during hard times too.

**PRAY!** Pray this prayer each day this week: "Lord, help us praise You as Paul and Silas did. Remind us of the many reasons we praise You! Amen."

**PLAY!** Make a praise picture book. Draw and color pictures that remind you to praise God. For example, a picture of a heart can remind you to praise God for His great love. A picture of the sun can remind you to praise Him for the things He has created. Draw and color as many pictures as you like. To bind it as a book, punch 3 holes along the left margin and tie the pages together with yarn.

**Unit 3 Bible Memory Verse:** Zephaniah 3:17a "The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save."

Unit 3 Bible Memory Challenge Verse: Philippians 4:8

"Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." Philippians 4:8