



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts - Revelation
Unit 3, Lesson 14

Paul and Silas in Prison

Lesson Aim: To know God wants us to
share with others.

THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "Praise the Lord."

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO SAVES US

Sing Bible Memory Verse and other related songs.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the God who saves us. Today's story is about Paul and his friend Silas. Paul was Saul's new name. Paul and Silas needed God to save them when they were in the prison. They sang praise to the Lord. That is our Whisper Verse today. Review together: "Praise the Lord." Include sign language.

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

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

When Paul and Silas were praising the Lord, other people in the prison could hear them singing. Paul and Silas knew the Lord their God was mighty and could save them. We know a song all about our mighty God. Sing: "He Is Mighty to Save."

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

It was late at night when Paul and Silas were singing in the prison. It was dark and they were in chains, but they sang and praised the Lord anyway. Let's pretend it is dark right now and sing praise to God! Dim the lights, or turn off the lights and use flashlights. Sing: "Let Everything That Has Breath."

Turn on the lights. Now, let's sing praise to God in the light. God loves it when we sing praise to Him everywhere, every day! Sing: "Praise Time: Love the Lord Your God."

THE WORD PAUL AND SILAS PRAISED GOD IN PRISON CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we learned God helped Lydia share with Paul and his friends. Today, we will see how Paul and 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 poem. Display visual.

- 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."

THE WAY WE CAN PRAISE THE LORD

CRAFT: Praise Shaker

GAMES: Freeze Praise!, Praise in All Places

SNACK: Drumming Up Praise

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Acts 16:25-26

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Bible Memory Verse Cheer, The Lord Is with You!

STORY TIME