

# TOPHER'S WEEKLY LESSON

In the Bible, in the Book of Acts, there were two men named Paul and Silas who loved Jesus very much. Paul and Silas travelled all over the world telling people that Jesus loved them too.

But there were some mean people who didn't believe in Jesus. They didn't like what Paul and Silas were saying, so they had them arrested and taken to jail.

When Paul and Silas got to jail, their feet were put into chains so they couldn't run away. That night, with their feet chained together, Paul and Silas prayed and sang songs to Jesus. While they were praying and singing, God sent a powerful earthquake.

The earthquake was so big that it shook the jail doors open and it shook the chains loose from the prisoner's feet. When the guard woke up, he thought that Paul and Silas had escaped.

But they weren't gone. Paul shouted to the guard, "We are still here!" The guard couldn't believe it! He was amazed at what Jesus did and wanted to know more about Him. So Paul and Silas told the guard about Jesus. That day, the guard and his whole family began following Jesus too.

**THE BIG IDEA:** I CAN PRAY TO JESUS ANYTIME, ANYWHERE,  
AND ABOUT ANYTHING.  
**BIBLE BASIS:** ACTS 16:16-40

## ACTIVITY: MAY 24 2020

**PRAISE PICTURE** (Response to God Activity)

**Supplies:** GO! Home Guide (printed on back of coloring sheet, 1 per child), crayons

**Question:** What was your favorite part of that story to act out? Why did you like acting out that part of the story?

**Directions:** Give each child a GO! Home Guide and some crayons or markers. The sheet will have a space for children to draw. Tell the children to draw a praise picture for Jesus. It can be a picture of anything that shows Jesus they love Him.

**Say:** In today's true Bible story, Paul and Silas praised Jesus even when they were in jail. Let's say a prayer and praise Jesus for being so wonderful. We can tell Him all of the things we love about Him.

**Prayer:** Begin by asking if any of the children would like to pray. Allow any children who want to pray the opportunity to do so. When they're finished, close the prayer by telling Jesus why you think He's wonderful and why you love Him so much.

**WHAT'S THE  
BIG IDEA?**

