

3-5s | W3

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing time for fun interaction

That's a Wrap
Anytime, Anywhere, Anything
Shaking Ground

Large Group (20 minutes)

Worship: Inviting people to respond to God

Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Worship
Bible Story
Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

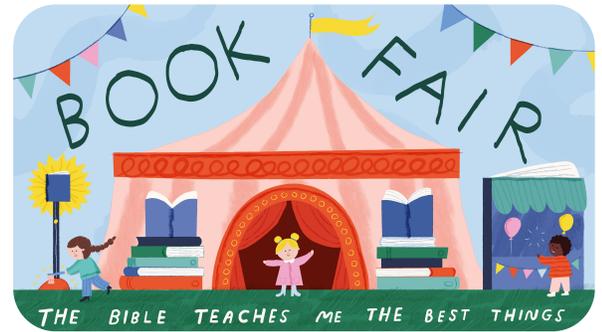
Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

Emotions
Paul and Silas Move
Prayer Time
Emotions Flying High
Finish the Story
Journal and Prayer

Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home
Memory Verse Card
Parent Cue Card (print or email)
Parent Cue App and ParentCue.org

*Allergy Alert



Bible Story

Paul and Silas • Acts 16:16-40 | I can pray to God.

Key Question

What does the Bible teach you?

Bottom Line

The Bible teaches me the best things.

Memory Verse

"Your word is truth" (John 17:17 NIV).

19 min

Worship

3 min

Worship Opener

What You Need

 Preschool Bible

1

Worship Leader enters.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hi, friends! My name is [your name]. I am SO happy to see you today, because today we are going to celebrate. I want everyone to clap with me.

Clap your hands.

"Yes! Clapping is one way we celebrate when something good happens. And God did something SO good, I think we should celebrate it!

Open hands like a book.

"God gave us a very special book, and we call this book the Bible. The Bible has God's words in it, and it teaches us the best things. Can everyone say: 'Thank you, God!'"

Do the ASL sign for "thanks": Move flat hand forward from chin.

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: "Thank you, God!"

WORSHIP LEADER: "Can you celebrate God with me and say: (*throw your hands in the air*) 'Yay, God!'"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: (*Throw your hands in the air.*) "Yay, God!"

Amazing Music is available to stream for free in APlay.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Now, let's stand up, and let's celebrate God because God gave us a little light to shine.

Lead children in singing "This Little Light of Mine."

"Great singing, friends! Now let's learn some of God's words from the Bible. (*Open hands like a book.*) Are you ready? Watch me say the words from the Bible and do the motions, and then you can do them with me!

Note: A video of the Memory Verse Motions is available in the Prelude folder and on Pinterest.

"Your (*point up*) word (*open hands like a book*) is truth," (*move index finger forward from mouth*) John 17:17. (*Open hands like a book.*)

"Can you do that with me?"

3 min

Amazing Music | Option 1 w/ Memory Verse

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

Memory Verse

What You Need

No supplies needed

Note: A video of the Memory Verse Motions is available in the Prelude folder and on Pinterest.

5 min

Orange Kids Music | Option 2

What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min

Worship Closer

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with Hand Motions once or twice.

"Great job, friends! Jesus, God's Son, said that everything that God says is true! Now let's sing one more song together.

Lead children in singing "The B-I-B-L-E."

"Thanks for celebrating God with me! **[Transition]** And now it's time to turn around (*spin around*) . . . sit down (*sit down*) . . . shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) . . . so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"

"Great singing, friends! Now let's learn some of God's words from the Bible. (*Open hands like a book.*) Are you ready? Watch me say the words from the Bible and do the motions, and then you can do them with me!

"God (flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down) loved the world so much (cross arms over chest) that he gave his only Son," (rock arms like a baby) John 3:16. (Open hands like a book.)

"Can you do that with me?"

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with Hand Motions once or twice.

"Great job, friends! Let's sing one more song about the night Jesus was born.

Orange Kids Music is available for purchase at Store.ThinkOrange.com.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Now, let's stand up, and let's celebrate God!

Lead children in singing "The Bible Teaches Me the Best Things."

"Great singing, friends! Let's sing one more song together.

Lead children in singing "Important Things."

"Thanks for celebrating God with me! **[Transition]** And now it's time to turn around (*spin around*) . . . sit down (*sit down*) . . . shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) . . . so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"

"Thanks for celebrating God with me! **[Transition]** And now it's time to turn around (*spin around*) . . . sit down (*sit down*) . . . shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) . . . so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"

21 min

Bible Story Section (Rug)

8 min

Wonder Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

10 min

Bible Story | Live

What You Need

-  Bible 1
-  Option: Cardstock 1

What You Do:

- Download the Large Group Visuals to display on a device or screen or copy on cardstock.

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible.

Open the Bible for children to see, then set it down.

"Today's Bible story begins with two men named Paul and Silas.

SLIDE: Story Image W3 01

"Paul and Silas were friends with Jesus, and they loved God. They told everyone everywhere that Jesus wanted to be their friend forever.

"Everyone, say this with me: Jesus wants to be your friend forever!"

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Jesus wants to be your friend forever!"

LEADER: "Great job! That's what Paul and Silas were doing. They wanted everyone to know that Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever.

"One day, some people who did not love Jesus got upset with Paul and Silas. They tried to stop Paul and Silas by putting them in jail!

SLIDE: Story Image W3 02

"Jail is not a fun place. When you are in jail, you have to stay in the same room all day. You cannot play with your friends or see your family whenever you want. It sounds very sad, doesn't it?

"But Paul and Silas knew God loved them, so guess what they did?"

SLIDE: Story Image W3 03

"Paul and Silas prayed and talked to God.

Fold your hands like you are praying.

"Can you fold your hands like you are praying? (*Listen.*) Yes, Paul and Silas prayed and talked to God.

"And they also sang songs to God! Can you sing with me?

Sing a few simple notes for children to repeat, or consider singing "Jesus Loves Me."

"Great singing! Paul and Silas knew that even though they were in jail, God still loved them, and they could pray and talk to God.

"While Paul and Silas were praying and singing, everyone in the jail was listening to them.

And then suddenly, the ground began to shake. It was an earthquake!

"Can you shake your whole body?

Shake your body.

"Oh, it's an earthquake! Whoa! And three ... two ... one ...

Stop shaking and freeze

(Quietly.) "The earthquake stopped.

Pause until everyone stops shaking.

"The earthquake shook the jail from top to bottom. And the doors of jail flew wide open! Paul and Silas could walk right out! But ... Paul and Silas did not leave. They stayed in the jail.

SLIDE: Story Image W3 04

"Paul and Silas spoke to the guard who was in charge of the jail.

SLIDE: Story Image W3 05

"They told the guard that God loves him and that Jesus wants to be his friend forever. And the guard decided to love God and follow Jesus too.

"Wow! Paul and Silas knew they could pray and talk to God anytime, anywhere, and about anything, and we can pray and talk to God, too.

"Tell me: can we pray and talk to God when it's early in the morning or late at night? (*Listen.*) Yes! We can pray to God at any time of the day.

"Can we pray and talk to God when we are at the doctor, at school, or at the fair? (*Listen.*) Yes! We can pray to God wherever we are!

"Can we pray and talk to God when we are feeling happy, sad, silly, or mad? (*Listen.*) Yes! We can pray to God about anything!

"We can pray and talk to God anytime, anywhere, and about anything, just like Paul and Silas! And we know this because we can read about Paul and Silas in the Bible.

3 min

Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

"The Bible has God's words in it, and it teaches us the BEST things! **What does the Bible teach you?"**

CHILDREN and LEADER: [Bottom Line] "The Bible teaches me the best things.!"

LEADER: "Yes, **[Bottom Line]** The Bible teaches me the best things.

Pick up and close Bible.

[Transition] "Our story time is over, but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!"

PRAYER

LEADER: "Dear God, thank You for giving us the Bible. Help us to learn more about You so we can tell others about You. You are the best, God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

[Transition] "And now it's time for more Bible fun. There's more to learn. Come on, everyone!"

Lead small group to the first activity.

22 min

Bible Story Section (Stage)

3 min

Intro Sketch

What You Need

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| 👤 | Plastic bottles | 6 |
| 👤 | Water | 1 |
| 👤 | Diving rings | 3 |
- Fill the bottles with water to keep them from falling over during Large Group.

A ring toss game is set up. Six bottles are arranged in a pyramid on the floor.

Host enters as Worship Leader exits. Host carries three diving rings.

HOST: "Hi, friends! My name is [your name]. Welcome to [your environment's name or story time]!"

"Do you see my game here?"

Gesture to the ring toss game.

"It's a ring toss game, just like I've seen at the fair!"

Hold up the diving rings.

"And I have three rings. So I have three tries to get the rings on the bottles. Do you think I can do it? (*Listen.*) Yay!"

Step back from the bottles to give yourself some space to throw.

"Okay, let's count to three together, and then I'll throw the first ring. Ready? One ... two ... three!"

Throw one diving ring so that it does NOT land on a bottle.

"Oh, no! I missed. But that's okay, because (*hold up the two remaining diving rings*) I still have two rings! Count with me again, and then I'll throw the next ring. Ready? One ... two ... three!"

Throw the second diving ring so that it also does NOT land on a bottle.

"Oh, no! I missed again! (*Hold up the last diving ring.*) Now I only have one ring left. I don't know if I can do it, but I'm going to try anyway. Count with me one last time! Ready? One ... two ... three!"

Throw the last diving ring so that it does NOT land on a bottle.

"Aww! I was really hoping to get it that time. That makes me a little sad since I missed it every single time. Have you ever been sad? (*Listen.*) Yeah, sometimes sad things happen.

"Hey, that reminds me of a Bible story where something REALLY sad happens to two people. Let's listen to [Storyteller's name], and see what happens. See you soon!"

8 min

Wonder Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

8 min

Bible Story | Live

What You Need

	Bible	1
	plush animals (to be Paul, Silas, and the jail guard)	3
	Cardboard box (big enough to hold both plush animals)	1
	Utility knife	1
	Painter's tape	1
	Option: Cardstock	1
	Option: Chair or small table	1

What You Do:

- Create a jail cell with the box.
 - Cut the box so there is no top to allow the Storyteller to easily put the plush animals inside.
 - Make the front panel a door by cutting one of the front corners from top to bottom and along the bottom of the panel. Bend the panel back at the corner to make sure it can open wide and stay open.
 - Cut out long vertical strips from the front and side panels to make it look like a jail cell.
 - Close the front panel "door." Use a small piece of tape to hold the "door" closed, but fold the edge of the tape over itself to create a tab so the Storyteller can quickly pull the tape to open the door.
- Place the cardboard box jail in the storytelling area. *Option: If needed, put it on a chair or small table to help children see if better.*
- Download the Large Group Visuals to display on a device or screen or copy on cardstock.

A cardboard box jail is in the storytelling area. If needed, put it on a chair or small table to help children see if better.

Storyteller enters as Host exits. Storyteller carries a Bible and three plush animals.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! My name is [your name]."

Hold up the Paul plush animal.

"This is Paul. Everyone, say: 'Hello, Paul!'"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: "Hello, Paul!"

Hold up the Silas plush animal.

STORYTELLER: "And this is Silas. Say: 'Hello, Silas!'"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: "Hello, Silas!"

Put the plush animals down.

STORYTELLER: "I have a true story about Paul and Silas, and we can read it in the Bible."

Open the Bible for children to see, then set it down.

SLIDE: Story Image W3 01

"Paul and Silas were friends with Jesus, and they (*cross arms over chest*) loved God. They told everyone everywhere that Jesus wanted to be their friend forever."

"Everyone, say this with me: (*cup hands around mouth*) 'Jesus wants to be your friend forever!'"

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Jesus wants to be your friend forever!"

LEADER: "Great job! That's what Paul and Silas did. They wanted everyone to know that Jesus loves them and that He wants to be their friend forever."

"Well one day, some people who did not love Jesus got upset with Paul and Silas. They tried to stop Paul and Silas by putting them in jail!"

SLIDE: Story Image W3 02

Place the two plush animals inside the cardboard jail.

"Jail is not a fun place. When you are in jail, you have to stay in the same room all day. You cannot play with your friends or see your family whenever you want. It sounds very sad, doesn't it?"

"But Paul and Silas knew God (*cross arms over chest*) loved them, so guess what they did?"

SLIDE: Story Image W3 03

"Paul and Silas prayed and talked to God.

Fold your hands like you are praying.

"Can you fold your hands like you are praying? (*Listen.*) Yes, Paul and Silas prayed and talked to God.

"And they also sang songs to God! Can you sing with me?"

Sing a few simple notes for children to repeat, or consider singing "Jesus Loves Me."

"Great singing! Paul and Silas knew that even though they were in jail, God still loved them, and they could pray and talk to God.

"While Paul and Silas were praying and singing, everyone in the jail was listening to them.

And then suddenly, the ground began to shake. It was an earthquake!

"Can you shake your whole body?"

Shake your body and lumber around the storytelling area.

"Oh, it's an earthquake! Whoa! And three ... two ... one ... (*Gasp.*)

Stop shaking and freeze

(*Quietly.*) "The earthquake stopped.

Pause until everyone stops shaking. Then go to the cardboard jail.

"The earthquake shook the jail from top to bottom.

Release the tape and open the "door" of the cardboard jail.

"And the doors of jail flew wide open! Paul and Silas could walk right out! But ... Paul and Silas did NOT leave. They stayed in the jail.

SLIDE: Story Image W3 04

Pick up the third plush animal.

3 min

Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

Outro Sketch

"Paul and Silas spoke to the guard who was in charge of the jail.

SLIDE: Story Image W3 05

"They told the guard that God loves him (*hug the third plush animal*) and that Jesus wants to be his friend forever. And the guard decided to love God and follow Jesus too.

Place the three plush animals together outside the jail.

"Wow! Paul and Silas knew they could pray and talk to God anytime, anywhere, and about anything, and we can pray and talk to God, too.

"Hmm, tell me: can we pray and talk to God when it's early in the morning or late at night? (*Listen.*) Yes! We can pray to God at any time of the day.

"Can we pray and talk to God when we are at the doctor, at school, or at the fair? (*Listen.*) Yes! We can pray to God wherever we are!

"Can we pray and talk to God when we are feeling happy, sad, silly, or mad? (*Listen.*) Yes! We can pray to God about anything!

"We can pray and talk to God anytime, anywhere, and about anything, just like Paul and Silas! And we know this because we can read about Paul and Silas in the Bible.

"The Bible has God's words in it, and it teaches us the BEST things! **What does the Bible teach you?"**

CHILDREN and LEADER: [*Bottom Line*] "The Bible teaches me the best things."

LEADER: "Yes, [*Bottom Line*] The Bible teaches me the best things.

Pick up and close Bible.

[Transition] "Our story time is over, but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!"

PRAYER

LEADER: "Dear God, thank you for giving us the Bible so we can learn more about you. Thank you for hearing us when we pray. Help us remember that we can always talk to you—anytime, anywhere and about anything. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

"I'll see you next time. Bye!"

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

What You Need

No supplies needed

HOST: "Wow! Paul and Silas prayed and talked to God when they were in jail.

"I think I (*point to self*) got the story. Did you (*point to children*) get it? If you did, say, 'Got it!' Get it?" (*Cup one hand behind ear.*)

CHILDREN and HOST: "Got it!"

HOST: (*Give two thumbs-up.*) "Good!"

"Paul and Silas must have been so sad to be in jail, but instead they prayed to God. So when I'm sad, I can pray and talk to God too! I'm so glad **[Bottom Line] the Bible teaches me the best things.**

[Transition] "And now it's time for more Bible fun. There's more to learn. Come on, everyone!"

Host dismisses small groups and exits.