

KIDS DEVOTIONAL AT HOME

For Sunday, May 24, 2020

For your family worship time, we have prepared 4 short activities that you can do together:

1. Kids' worship songs
2. A Bible story from YouTube
3. Questions for discussion and reflection, Prayer
4. Optional: crafts, activities, and songs

Prepare these items before you begin:

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1. Smartphone, tablet, or computer to play the worship songs
2. Scripture Reference: Acts 16:16-40
3. Youtube video: God's Story: Paul and Silas--Crossroads Kids Club
4. For the optional crafts and family games
 - Coloring pages
 - Craft
 - Extension Activities

Worship Time

- Who You Say I Am <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y0LHTDVy5C0>
- WayMaker <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wyotu9Twko>
- Jesus is My Best Friend: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5IH0Srnsl>
- Every Move I Make:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPvnZILn6EY&list=RDMPvnZILn6EY&start_radio=1

Bible Story Discussion & Prayer

Before the video: Remember how Paul LOVED telling people about Jesus?

Well, his friend, Silas, did too! They were always helping people out and telling others that

Jesus loves them. Everybody turn to somebody next to you and say, “Jesus loves you!” (Let kids say “Jesus loves you.”)

You know what else they loved? They loved to WORSHIP Jesus and God. Can you guys say, “Worship”? (Let kids say: “worship.”) Worship is anytime we show Jesus we love him. Maybe we sing him a song...or pray to him...or dance for him...or just say, “I love you Jesus!”

Let’s worship now by saying “I love you Jesus!” ...AS LOUD AS WE CAN. Ready? 1-2-3 “I LOVE YOU JESUS!” Wow, great job! The great news is, we can worship anywhere...at home, at your babysitter’s, at the pool, at the dinner table—anywhere!

Paul and Silas worshiped Jesus while they were in jail. Can you believe that?! Now we’re going to watch a video. As we watch, see if you can figure out what happened when Paul and Silas worshiped Jesus in jail.

Play Video: God’s Story / [Paul and Silas](#) by Crossroads Kids Club

Review That’s a pretty amazing story, isn’t it? Why did Paul and Silas get thrown in jail in the first place? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, they got in trouble for telling other people about Jesus. Back then, you could get in trouble for believing in Jesus, because a lot of people didn’t like him. Paul and Silas still wanted other people to know Jesus though, so they kept on doing it! Do you think it helped that they were doing it together, and not by themselves? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, I think you’re right! It helped that they were a team, and they weren’t alone.

After they got thrown in jail, what did they do in their jail cell? Did they just hang out and get bored? (Let kids respond.) No! They worshipped God by singing and praying to him out loud. Why do you think they were so happy, even though they were in jail? (Let kids respond.) They loved God, and trusted that he would take care of them. So they worshipped him, and didn’t worry!

SHARING JESUS WITH UNLIKELY PEOPLE

Do you remember what big event happened next? (Let kids respond.) There was a huge earthquake! Let's all shake our bodies and pretend like there's a big earthquake happening right now! (Respond along with kids.) Good job, you can relax now. Did they leave their jail cell, like all the other prisoners? (Let kids respond.) Nope. They stayed right where they were.

Remember, Paul and Silas should never have been in prison. They could have been really upset and angry, but instead, they trusted God. They knew they were part of Jesus' rescue plan. After that, they shared Jesus with the jailer! Can you believe it? They were so excited about God's special rescue plan, and helping others know Jesus, that they shared Jesus with someone who locked them in prison! That was a really loving thing to do for someone. But it didn't matter who that jailer was, or what things he did. Paul and Silas wanted him to know Jesus.

WE CAN SHARE JESUS TOO

We can do the same thing that Paul and Silas did. We can share Jesus with other people, EVEN people we don't like or get along with. Is it hard to be kind to someone you don't like? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, it's hard for me too. But Jesus doesn't just love some people, he loves EVERYONE. He wants all our friends to know him, and that's why we should share him with others. Let's all think of someone this week who may never have heard of Jesus before. Maybe you have a friend or family member who doesn't know Jesus yet. You might even be thinking of someone you don't like very much, or who has been mean to you. Remember, Paul and Silas shared with the guy who was keeping them in prison! As I count down from 5, decide who that person is in your head. (Countdown 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.) Now close your eyes, and ask God to help you share Jesus with that person this week! (Let kids respond.) Great job everybody.

Questions for Preschoolers:

1. What were the names of the friends in today's story? (Paul and Silas)
2. Who did Paul and Silas LOVE to follow? (Jesus!)
3. What did they do to tell Jesus they love him? (Worship)
4. Where did Paul and Silas worship Jesus? (in jail)
5. What happened when Paul and Silas started worshipping Jesus in jail? (God sent an earthquake and they were free)
6. Then who did they tell about Jesus? (The jailer! He became a part of God's Story by deciding to follow Jesus.)

Questions for older kids:

1. Why were Paul and Silas in prison? (They were sharing Jesus and some people didn't like that.)
2. What did Paul and Silas do while waiting in their jail cell? (They worshipped and prayed to God together.)
3. What did Paul and Silas do when there was an earthquake? (They stayed in prison even though they could easily escape.)
4. After the earthquake, who did Paul and Silas tell about Jesus? (They went home with the jailer and told him and his family about Jesus.)
5. Why did they share about Jesus with the guy who was keeping them in prison? (They believed Jesus' rescue plan was too awesome not to share it with everyone.)
6. What specific ways can we share Jesus with others? (We can tell them who Jesus is, we can be kind and show them love like Jesus would, we can tell people about God's rescue plan.)

Prayer Dear God, Sometimes it's hard to share Jesus with others, but we know you will help us do it. We love you so much. Thank you for sending Jesus to rescue us. Amen!

Craft/Coloring/Activities:**Sneaky Surprise**

Paul and Silas served God by telling other people about His story- God's story is all about love! Encourage kids to show love to their families, friends or neighbors by serving in sneaky or surprise ways! Examples: doing a chore for someone, dropping off baked goods, a gift or groceries for someone, doing yard work for someone else, write an encouraging note or draw a picture for someone, etc.

Activity: Let's follow Jesus by worshiping! There are lots of ways to worship God, like singing, dancing, talking to him, or even just saying, "I love you, Jesus." Today, we're going to worship by playing musical instruments.

- Pass out instruments (or pots and pans, spoons, boxes--use what you have :-)--to kids and explain that you're going to make music together

Give them a signal (like turning the lights on and off or putting your arms up and down) for them to look for when the music-making should stop (and this will help you maintain order).

Paper Chain Handcuffs:

Cut strips of paper and staple or tape them together to make chains for the kids to wear on their wrists- review the story and have the kids break out of their chains when you talk about the earthquake and how God freed them after Paul and Silas worshipped God! Can also write "I am with you always" -Matthew 28:20 on it.

Paul & Silas Craft
AWANA Cubbies Bear Hug #19



An AWANA Cubbies Series at
www.meaningfulmama.com



