

City LG—May 15th, 2022

Today's Bible Story: Sing, Sing, Sing (Paul and Silas in Prison) • Acts 16:16-40

Today's Bottom Line: You can choose joy when life gets hard.

Monthly Memory Verse: *But those who trust in the LORD will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak.* Isaiah 40:31 (NIRV)

REMINDER: Kids will need to be grouped into Small Groups to begin Service

WORSHIP: Not the Same and Something Good

"Hi, everyone! We're going to get started soon with our story today, but before we do, I have a question for you..."

SLIDE: Question ("What's your favorite song/kind of music?")

It could be Country, Rock n Roll, Worship, anything! Take 3 minutes right now to talk with your Group!"

CG: Question Video (Runtime: 3:00)

"Great job sharing everyone! I heard some really great answers. I had no idea that 'Electric Jazz Funk Hip Hop Reggae' was a kind of music. Anyways..."

Our story today starts with a man named Paul. Paul had once been an enemy of anyone who followed Jesus. In fact, he did everything he could to try to STOP people from believing in Jesus. *(to "Paul")* But don't worry, Paul. Things changed pretty quickly. *(to audience)* You see, when Paul actually MET Jesus, he suddenly put his FAITH in Jesus. He believed that Jesus really is the Son of God. After a time of prayer and study, Paul began to travel farther from Jerusalem."

"Paul shared the good news about Jesus, and he started brand-new churches everywhere he went.

"In some places, Paul was welcomed.

Give a thumbs up.

"But in other towns, people were angry and kicked him out of town.

Give thumbs down.

"Still, Paul kept going. When God told Paul to go to a place called Macedonia, Paul and his friends set sail on a boat and traveled there. Let's find out what happened next with the help of this week's video!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 7:00)

“It’s pretty amazing how Paul and Silas chose JOY in the middle of an awful situation. And you know what? That’s something we can do, too! We can find a way to be joyful, even when we’re facing something tough. That will help us bounce back when life doesn’t go the way we expect. Let’s learn today’s Bottom Line!”

CG: Bottom Line Video (Runtime: 1:00)

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “you can choose joy when life gets hard.

“Let’s pray and ask God to help us do that.”

PRAY: “Dear God, thank You for this amazing story! Thank you for helping Paul and Silas to choose joy, even when they were going through a really difficult time. It’s so cool how they prayed and sang to You from that deep, dark prison! Please show us how we can choose joy like they did. When we face tough things in life, give us the strength to remember that You’re with us and **we can trust You no matter what.** We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“If you want to know what it means to be resilient, check out Paul and Silas! I mean, these two men were thrown in prison for following Jesus and for helping someone get well. They hadn’t done anything wrong, and still, they were being punished! They must have felt pretty angry, sad, and discouraged while all of that was happening.

“But in the prison, Paul and Silas made a choice. They didn’t let their tough situation keep them down. They praised God! They remembered that God was right there with them, and that’s how they were able to choose joy. I think that’s something we can do when something gets US down.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “You can choose joy when life gets hard.”

OFFERING:

Here in Parkview Kids, we bring our offering each week to help support (your Campus Child) learn more about Jesus just like we do here in Parkview Kids. Here’s a picture of (your Campus Child)! If you brought your offering, you can bring it up now! Have fun in Small Groups!”

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