



FAMILY CHURCH – MAY 31, 2020

Bible Passage: Acts 16:16-35

(Paul and Silas in Prison)

God Saves!

REMEMBER VERSE

No power in the sky or in the earth below – indeed nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:39

MAY FAMILY CHURCH

For the May weeks in JAM we are tracking with the Early Church and particularly the disciples and Paul. Each week we are exploring one of the great stories of the Early Church and discovering how it applies to us.

Our story each week will be by way of a **Story Video Link** to a retelling of the story in animation (for Preschoolers) or period drama (for elementary) although they are short so you may enjoy watching them both as a family. An additional **Application Video** is provided with one of our JAM teachers sharing their story related to our application point. This **JAM Family Church Resource** is provided for you to use together (parents and kids) as you walk through the different components; SINGING, REMEMBER VERSE, STORY VIDEO, APPLICATION VIDEO, QUESTIONS, PRAYER and CRAFT or ACTIVITY.

Feel free to recreate or enhance any of the elements...and please send me your creative ideas (emails or pics). Make your family time interactive and fun and have some sweet time together as you as a family learn the great truths from God's Word.

PRAYER

Start by praying over your Family Church time. Invite one of your kids to pray if they would like to! Welcome Jesus presence and ask the Holy Spirit to show you something new as you worship and learn from God's Word today.

WORSHIP SINGING

These songs are great songs about who God is...mighty and faithful! Follow the actions or make up your own. Have fun and get creative.

My God is so Big Lyrics, Music and Actions:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUageJdwyPY>

Rainbow in the Sky Lyrics, Music, make your own actions or dance:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iWKVmQQ-mko>



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Remember Verse Actions:

No power (shake finger 'no')

In the sky (point up)

Or in the earth below (stomp feet on ground)

Indeed nothing in all creation (shake two fingers 'no')

Will ever be able to separate us (hands pushing out)

From the love of God (hug self, then point to heaven)

That is revealed (hands on eyes, then removed)

In Christ Jesus our Lord. (point to nails in hands)

Romans (salute)

8:39 (hold up 8, 3, 9 with fingers)

Remember Verse Game: Mirror Image

Children will need a partner for this activity. Explain that with her partner, each child will take a turn being the leader. Children should stand facing each other, and the first child leading will be responsible for guiding the Remember Verse motions. The trick is that her partner should mirror everything she does. So if the leader wants to do the motions quickly, her partner should mirror the same pace. The leader might want to add in silly extra movements to throw her partner off. Switch partners to

STORY – PAUL & SILAS IN PRISON – Acts 16:16-35

Storytelling Videos:

Preschool – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y24Ak7DJZFg>

Elementary – <https://www.iesusfilm.org/watch/book-of-acts.html/paul-and-silas-in-prison/english.html>

Application Video:

Pastor Donna shares a story of how God is her life saver!

<https://tv.cochranealliance.com/en/c/god-is-my-lifesaver.2094>

PRAYER TIME: Hands of Praise

Let's pray and thank God for saving us. If you'd like, you can lift your hands while we pray (gently lift hands with palms facing away from body). **Our hands are lifted up like we're giving something to someone. When we pray to God, we're giving Him praise. You can tell Him whatever you want to say. I'll start. God, thank You for saving me. I want to know You more.** Give children time to participate. Encourage them to speak their own words or repeat the words you offered. Close as the Holy Spirit directs you.



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QUESTIONS

Preschoolers

I wonder ... Why were Paul and Silas singing and praying to God even though they were in prison?

I wonder ... What did the people in prison think when their chains came loose?

I wonder ... How can I share with other people that God saves?

Elementary

- Why were Paul and Silas put in jail? Acts 16:20–21
- What did Paul and Silas do while they were in jail? Acts 16:25
- How did God deliver Paul and Silas? Acts 16:26
- What happened to the jailer and his family? Acts 16:29–34
- How has God delivered you or someone you know?

ACTIVITY: ART & GAME

ART: Edible Jail Cells

Many Early Church Christians were thrown into prison and somehow even in their suffering they rejoiced. Paul and Silas show this rejoicing as they sing in their cell. Let's build an edible jail cell with Paul & Silas singing inside.

SUPPLIES

- Graham Crackers
- Frosting
- Pretzels
- Gummi Bears
- Dull Knife for spreading icing
- Plate for a base



Put the frosting on one graham cracker. Put two Gummi Bears in the middle of the icing, then put pretzels around edge for bars. Balance the remaining graham cracker on the top for the roof. Take a picture, then enjoy this sweet snack!

GAME: Glowing for Jesus

SUPPLIES

- Glow-in-the-dark bracelets (from Dollarama or Michaels)

RELATE

Today we heard how God saves. When the ground shook, the chains fell off Paul and Silas. They could have run away, but they didn't. Imagine how dark it would have been! The jailer must have been very shaken up from the earthquake. The Bible tells us he was upset because he was so sure the prisoners were gone. He would be in trouble for not doing his job. But then, through the darkness, he heard Paul's voice! We're going to have some fun now playing a game where we'll get to search for some glow-in-the-dark objects.

For this game, hide the glow in the dark bracelets throughout a dark room. Have kids search for them. When all are found, put them together in a chain. Talk about how God saved Paul and Silas by breaking the chains and freeing them from prison.