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| SuppliesBasic Supplies: CEB Deep Blue Kids Bible | Deep Blue Bible Storybook | Deep Blue Adventure Video | Pencils | Crayons | Markers | Scissors | Glue | Paper | Blocks or small boxesSupplies for Extra At-Home Activity: Scissors | Glue |

Before You Teach

Paul and Silas traveled to different cities telling people about Jesus’ love. In one city, they met a woman who was a slave. She made a lot of money for her owners because she could tell people’s fortunes. Paul freed the woman. That made her owners mad, so they had Paul and Silas thrown in jail. But Paul and Silas knew God was always with them, so they sang and prayed in the jail. At midnight, an earthquake shook the jail and all of the prisoners’ chains fell off. The strange thing in this story is none of the prisoners ran away when they had the chance. The jailer was so amazed that he and all his family believed in Jesus that night.

Favorite Hymn (Puzzle)

Before class: Make a copy of the puzzle for each child.

* Give each child a copy of “Favorite Hymn.”

SAY: Paul and Silas found themselves in prison for healing a woman who was a slave. The people who were making money from her work were angry that she had been healed. Paul and Silas sang and prayed while they were in prison. They may have sung some of their favorite hymns. Fill in the words to your favorite hymn on the page.

* Have the children fill in the bubbles with the words or images from their favorite hymn. If they have trouble remembering a hymn, let them look up a hymn on [www.hymnary.org](http://www.hymnary.org).

Read the Bible Story

* Find Acts 16:16-40 in your Bible, or read the story “Paul and Silas” from the Deep Blue Bible Storybook (pp. 492–495).

ASK: Have you ever been treated unfairly? How do you act when you feel like you are punished for something you didn’t do?

See the Bible Story

SAY: Kat and Sophia are scared because there is a thunderstorm in Deep Blue Shores. When the lights go out, Katherine tells the girls that when she gets scared she likes to sing.

* Watch today’s episode here: LINK NEEDS TO BE ADDED.

ASK: What songs do you like to sing?

Drawing With Chalk (Activity)

* Give out black construction paper and a variety of colored chalk.

SAY: Draw what you like about the story of Paul and Silas in jail.

* Give the children time to draw on the paper.
* After the children are done drawing, invite the children to show their drawings to the class or to email a picture of their drawing to you to share with your church online.

Stomp Earthquake Dance (Group Activity)

Before class: Choose a song to play.

* Tell the children to dance and sing as the music plays.
* When you stop the music and yell “Earthquake” the children must stop dancing, stomp their feet and make noise until the music starts again.

Say: Paul and Silas were probably afraid when they were in the jail. Even when they were afraid they sang.

ask: Have you ever sung when you were afraid?

Sacred Conversations

ASK: How do you think Paul and Silas felt after a few days in Jail? Why do you think they sang and prayed while in jail?

Blessing

SAY: Before we end today, we are going to share a blessing with each other. Blessings show how special you are to God.

* Go around the room and say the blessing to each child.

SAY: (Person’s name), God loves you. God remembers you. God will always be with you.

PRAY: Dear God, help us find joy in every situation, even when we are afraid; in Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Bible Verse Paper Chain (Extar At-Home Activity)

Before class: Make a copy of the extra activity page for each child.

**SAY:** Our verse for Unit 3 is Psalm 100:1.

* Allow the children time to cut the Bible verse strips out.
* Show the children how to loop the strips together in the correct order. Secure the strips with tape.
* Say the verse together.