

Pre-Lesson Downloads

#40 Paul and Silas in Jail

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Dear Families: Saul, from our last lesson, now called Paul, lived a life of complete service to God. He seemed to work as hard spreading God's love and he had spread his hatred of Jesus before his conversion. There are many more stories about Paul that you and your child/ren might want to check into. Online you can find many sites that have turned the stories of the Bible into cartoons. Maybe your child/ren would like to review the stories I have provided online. The next weeks of summer I am going to teach about the Holy Spirit and Her gifts to us. I hope you will still tune in. God Bless!

Bible Text: Acts 16:16-39 Abridged

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. . . He fed and rejoiced that he was saved. . . (The magistrates tried to let them go because they were afraid of beating and imprisoning Roman citizens. Paul would not let them do this in secret, so they came to Paul and Silas and apologized publicly. Then Paul and Silas left.)

Bible Verse: John 15:12

(Jesus said,) "Love one another as I have loved you."

Answers to Puzzles:

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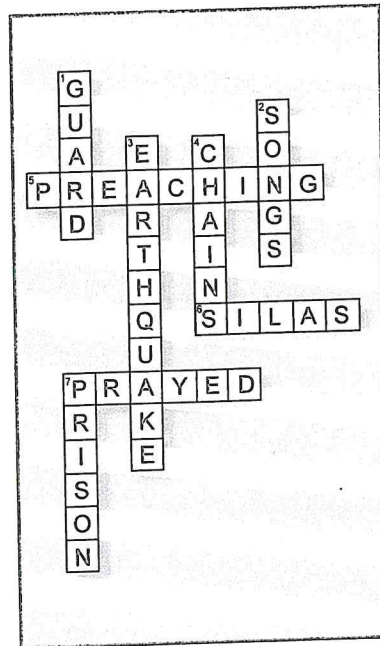
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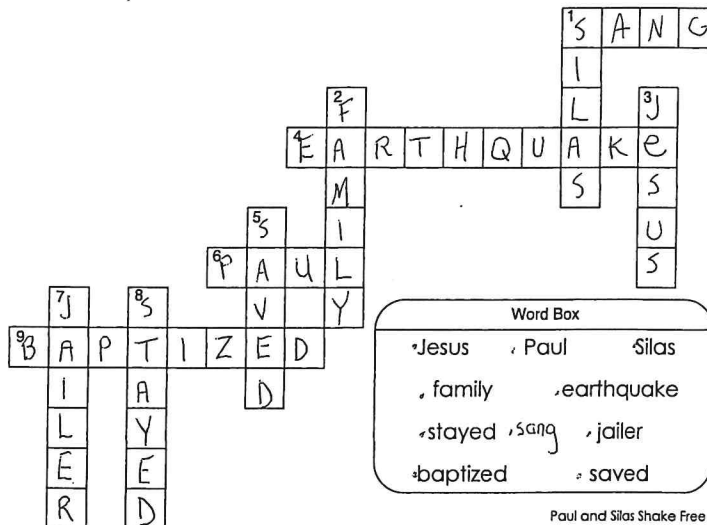
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Jesus asked Paul "Why do you P E R S E C U T E me?"

PUZZLE PAGE

Paul⁶ and Silas¹¹ were put in jail. A jailer⁷ was told to watch them carefully. Paul and Silas¹¹ sang songs while they were in jail. There was an earthquake¹⁴! All the chains came loose and the doors were opened! But Paul and Silas⁸ stayed in the jail. The jailer asked Paul and Silas how to be saved⁵. They told him to believe in Jesus³. They told the jailer and his family² about Jesus. The jailer and his family were baptized⁹!



Paul and Silas Shake Free

I can pray to Jesus anywhere.



Earthquake in Prison (Acts 16:16-40)

Paul believed in Jesus Word Line Up

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circled spaces and unscramble them for the final question.

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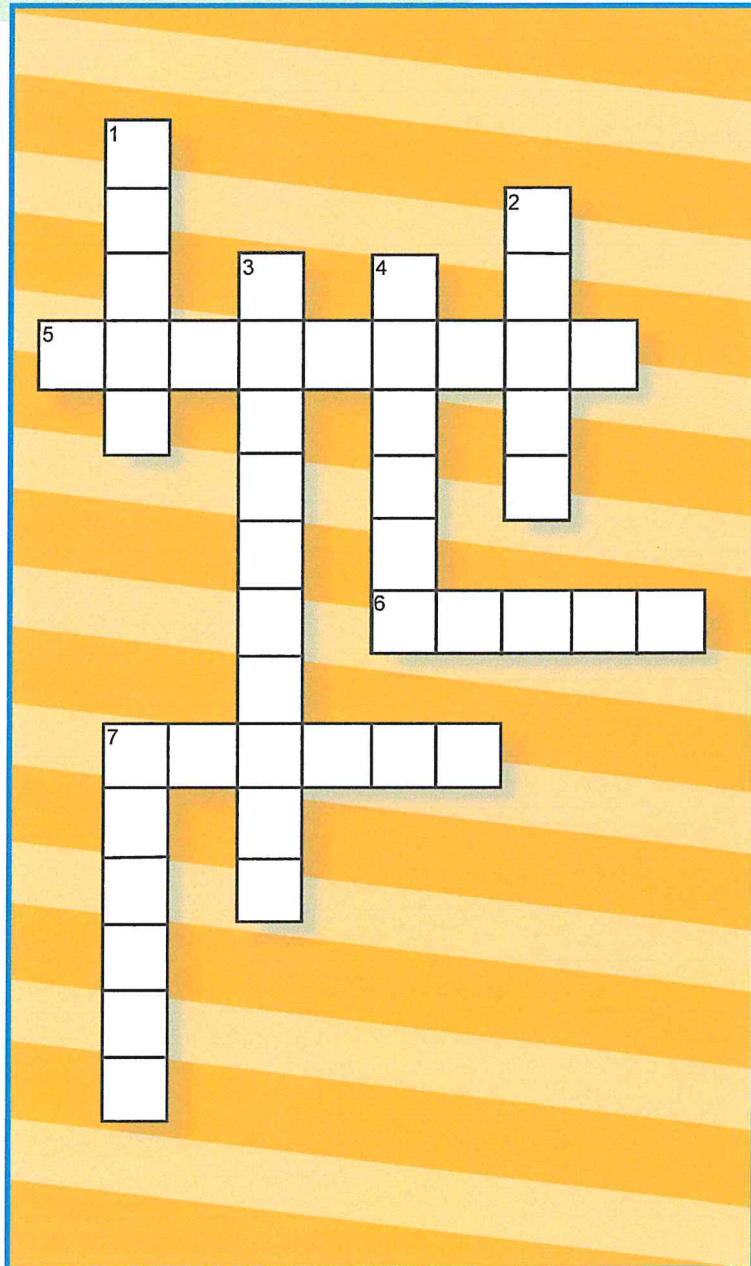
Paul and Silas in Prison Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

5. Paul and Silas were traveling and _____ God's Word.
6. He traveled with Paul.
7. Paul and Silas _____ during the night.

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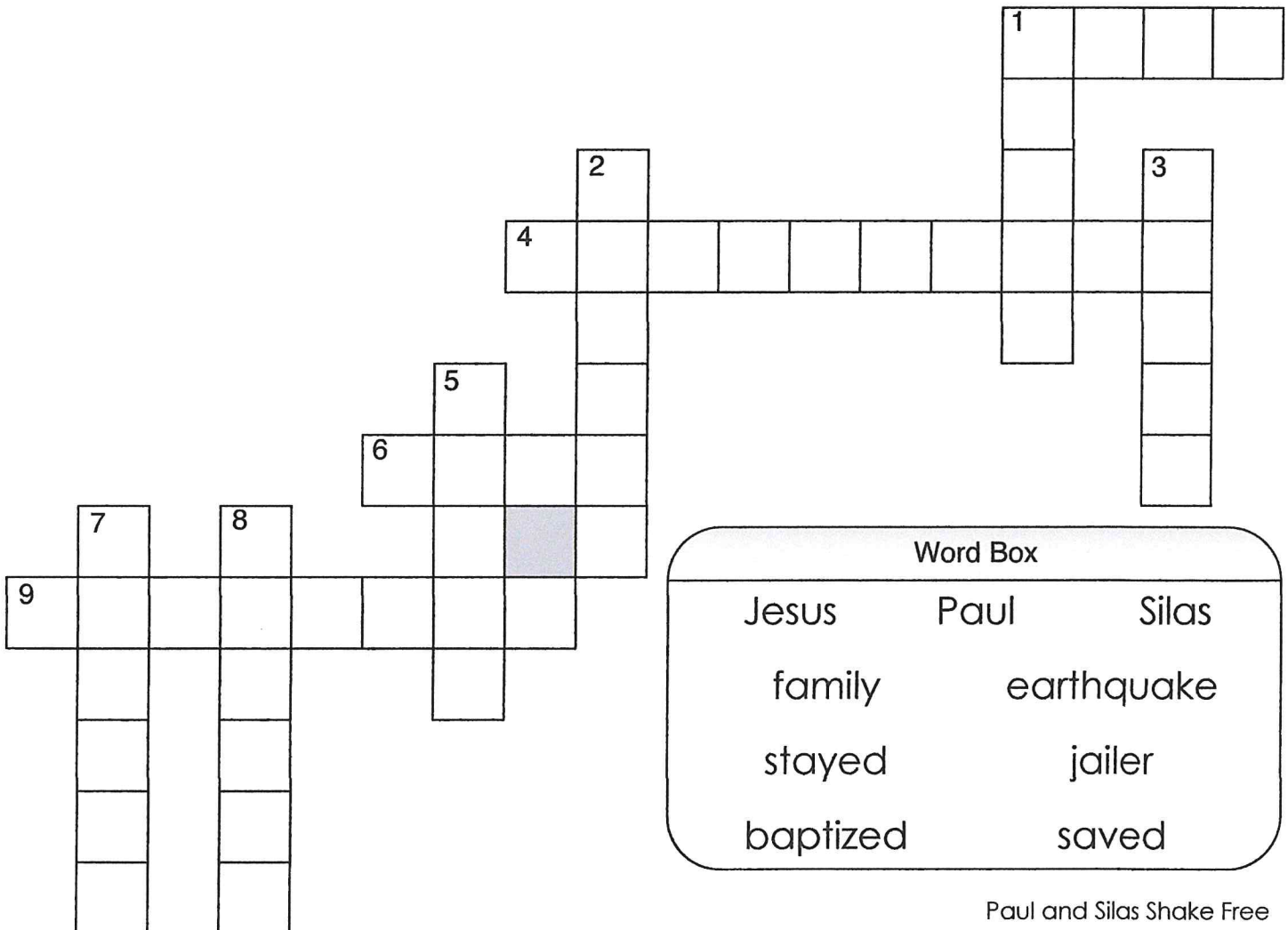
1. Officer who watches prisoners
2. During the night, they sang these.
3. The ground shakes during this.
4. While they were being held, Paul and Silas wore these.
7. Paul and Silas were put in _____.



PUZZLE PAGE

Use what you know about the story to complete the sentences. Use the word box for clues. Then use the words you wrote to do the puzzle. Match the numbers to know where to put each word.

_____ and _____ were put in jail. A _____ was told
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 to watch them carefully. Paul and Silas _____ songs while they were
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 Jesus. The jailer and his family were _____!
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Word Box

Jesus	Paul	Silas
family	earthquake	
stayed	jailer	
baptized	saved	