"As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams."

Daniel 1:17



Parent Link: Pray as you begin and end. Each week you will be given a bible story to read to your child(ren). If your child is learning to read this is a good time for them to practice; and you can reread for understanding and answering the questions. Always review last week's lesson. Be creative!

Resources: Bible; International Children's Bible; Route 52 Explore Bible Stories; Youtube

## Paul & Silas

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16 Once, while we were going to the place for prayer, a servant girl met us. She had a special spirit[<u>a</u>] in her.

She earned a lot of money for her owners by telling fortunes. 17 This girl followed Paul and us. She said loudly, "These men are servants of the Most High God! They are telling you how you can be saved!" 18 She kept this up for many days. This bothered Paul, so he turned and said to the spirit, "By the power of Jesus Christ, I command you to come out of her!" Immediately, the spirit came out. 19 The owners of the servant girl saw this. These men knew that now they could not use her to make money. So they grabbed Paul and Silas and dragged them before the city rulers in the marketplace. 20 Here they brought Paul and Silas to the Roman rulers and said, "These men are Jews and are making trouble in our city. 21 They are teaching things that are not right for us as Romans to do." 22 The crowd joined the attack against them. The Roman officers tore the clothes of Paul and Silas and had them beaten with rods again and again. 23 After being severely beaten, Paul and Silas were thrown into jail. The jailer was ordered to guard them carefully. 24 When he heard this order, he put them far inside the jail. He pinned down their feet between large blocks of wood. 25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing songs to God. The other prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly, there was a big earthquake. It was so strong that it shook the foundation of the jail. Then all the doors of the jail broke open. All the prisoners were freed from their chains. 27 The jailer woke up and saw that the jail doors were open. He thought that the prisoners had already escaped. So he got his sword and was about to kill himself.[b] 28 But Paul shouted, "Don't hurt yourself! We are all here!" 29 The jailer told someone to bring a light. Then he ran inside. Shaking with fear, he fell down before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them outside and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?"

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31 They said to him, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved—you and all the people in your house." 32 So Paul and Silas told the message of the Lord to the jailer and all the people in his house. 33 At that hour of the night the jailer took Paul and Silas and washed their wounds. Then he and all his people were baptized immediately. 34 After this the jailer took Paul and Silas home and gave them food. He and his family were very happy because they now believed in God.

Family Study:

- 1. Why did Paul and Silas pray at midnight?
- 2. Why were Paul and Silas imprisoned?
- 3. According to Paul and Silas what must we do to be saved?