



Dear Parents,

Paul was back at the church of Antioch in Syria. The church had sent out Paul and Barnabas to preach the gospel to Jews and Gentiles in places like Lystra and Derbe. Then they returned to the church of Antioch. Some time passed, and Paul wanted to return to some of the cities he visited on his first journey to see how the new believers were doing.

Silas accompanied Paul on his second missionary journey, which is recorded in Acts 15:36–18:22. The pair traveled through Syria and Cilicia (suh LISH ih uh), encouraging believers and strengthening churches. The number of believers in the churches increased daily.

Paul and Silas obeyed the Lord’s call to go to Macedonia. Two major events happened while Paul was in Macedonia. First, a woman named Lydia became a believer. Paul and Silas had gone to the river to pray. They spoke to the women at the river. God opened Lydia’s heart to the good news of the gospel.

Then, a jailer became a believer. This happened when Paul and Silas were thrown into prison. Late at night, an earthquake rocked the prison. The prisoners could have escaped, but they stayed where they were. This was a huge relief to the jailer. Had the prisoners escaped, the jailer would have been punished. In fact, the jailer was ready to kill himself when Paul shouted, “We are all here!” The jailer asked Paul and Silas how to be saved. They told him, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.” The man believed and was baptized.

Emphasize the Christ connection as you review the Bible story with kids: **Lydia, the jailer, and many others were saved because they heard the gospel and believed in Jesus. Paul and Silas preached the same message to all people, no matter who they were: “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved.”**

As you talk with your kids, encourage them to look to Jesus in faith every day. We can seek Him for our salvation and for help as we live in this world. Even in the midst of fear and doubt, we can hold out our empty hands and cry, “Lord, save me!” He will answer, and we can respond in worship of our Lord and Savior.

Family Starting Points – Bible Passages: (Acts 15-18)

Preschool	Elementary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Paul and Silas told many people about Jesus. ● What is the gospel? The gospel is the good news that God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to rescue sinners. ● Key Passage: <p>“Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, “the Lord reigns!”</p> <p>(1 Chronicles 16:31)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Paul and Silas planted new churches. What is the gospel? The gospel is the good news that God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to rescue sinners. ● Key Passage: <p>“Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, “the Lord reigns!”</p> <p>(1 Chronicles 16:31)</p>