

This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, **we want YOU to be the one to introduce** this part of The Big God Story to them.

For additional support in spiritual parenting and to learn more about creating transforming environments in your home, be sure to pick up **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** from your church or download at [HomeFrontMag.com](http://HomeFrontMag.com). You can also access the HomeFront app for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device.



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## Jesus Changes Lives

Part of The Big God Story

Acts 16:16-40

Paul and Silas in Prison

JUST FOR FUN

This week sing praise songs with your children. You may choose to sing together in the car or have a praise party at home one night after dinner. After your family worship time, tell your children you're going to read a part of The Big God Story where some people praised God, even in some really difficult circumstances. Read together **Acts 16:25-34**. Discuss how the jailer's life was changed. Share with your children how believing in Jesus has changed your life.

## Did You Know?

- God often uses the lives of His people, directed by the Holy Spirit, to impact and change lives. Paul and Silas were called to proclaim the good news.
- While traveling in Philippi, they were seized and publicly accused of introducing unlawful customs to the people.
- As Roman citizens, Paul and Silas had rights that they temporarily laid aside to see what God would do. They could be joyful even in the darkest of prisons because their identity didn't depend on their circumstances, but rather on their identity in Christ.

Children this age thrive and learn best when there are clear rules and expectations, so try to establish regular routines. Your morning routine, for example, might include going potty, brushing teeth, getting dressed, and eating breakfast. Encourage your child to do as many of these things on her own as possible, as this helps develop a sense of independence and responsibility.

## Teachable Moments

After reading Acts 16:25-34, discuss the following together:

- What were Paul and Silas doing while they were in prison?
- How did their singing affect their circumstances and the people around them?
- What did the guard ask Paul and Silas?
- How can Jesus change our lives?

## Remember Verse

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

Ephesians 1:4

## Blessing

For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in *HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource*.

### A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust Him with your life. May you walk closely with Him all the days of your life.