

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. You can also access the HomeFront app for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device.



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GOD SAVES

Paul and Silas in Prison

Acts 16:16-40

While in jail, Paul and Silas sang praises to God and worshipped Him. When the jailer saw how Paul and Silas worshipped God, and didn't escape when they could have, he chose to follow Jesus with his entire life.

JUST FOR FUN

Have a family "show and tell" at dinner. Allow each family member to bring an object and share about it. Then tell them that you're going to read a part of The Big God Story where God had an opportunity to show and tell who He is. Before reading, explain that Paul and Silas were taken to jail because they made some people angry by telling everyone about Jesus. Then, read Acts 16:25-34. Ask how God rescued Paul and Silas. Share with your children that God showed His power and everyone saw who He was—the one true God who saves.

Did You Know?

- When the demon was cast out of the slave girl, she could no longer tell fortunes. This caused her owners to lose a revenue stream and it angered them deeply.

- The businessmen accused Paul and Silas of inciting riots—an offense the Roman magistrates would not take lightly.

- Though jailed, Paul and Silas continued to praise God.

Your child may love listening to and singing along with music. Creating hand motions for some of his favorite songs will help your child retain the lyrics.

Teachable Moments

- Do you think Paul and Silas were happy or sad to be in jail?

- How do you think you would feel if you weren't able to tell others about Jesus?

- What did the jailer do when he saw Paul and Silas had not tried to escape?

Remember Verse

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

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 you know our God is mighty to save!**
May you love and trust our God who saves you.