

Junior Church for Sunday 21st June

The Life of St Paul Part 3:

Junior Church is presented slightly differently this week.

Before clicking on the link for the video, please note that whilst the cartoon is made for children, some of the language describes violent acts. You might want to watch the film with your children in case it raises any questions for them.

St Paul in Prison in Acts 16

Our story takes place during Paul's second missionary journey. Paul and his friend Silas are visiting a place called Philippi, which is in modern day Macedonia.

They were busy telling people about Jesus when they ran into trouble...

Rather than me tell you the rest of the story, I invite you to either:

Read Acts Ch 16

or

Watch this cartoon version of the story:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3h1pA5bGE9c>

The overall lesson from this story is that The Holy Spirit enables Christian believers to respond well in any difficult situation.

What can we learn from Silas and Paul's behaviour?

1. Instead of feeling bitter, Paul and his friends choose to sing songs of praise to God rather than focus on how hard their life is. *I wonder how easy this would be for us?*
2. Because they chose to worship and praise God in their difficulties it caused the other prisoners to listen to them as they prayed and sang. The Holy Spirit enabled Paul and Silas to be a witness for Jesus to these prisoners. *Can you think of a time when life was difficult and you were able to stay hopeful and or cheerful?*
3. How we act in times of difficulty can help other people to feel encouraged when they otherwise might feel sad. *What could you say to someone who was feeling sad or worried?*

What can we learn from the Jailer?

1. No matter how bad a situation feels, God can always help us. He often helps us by sending the people we need in difficult times. *Who could you ask for help in difficult times?*
2. The jailer realises that he has been unkind and not only says sorry but shows how sorry he is. He tends to Paul and Silas's wounds so that they recover from the injuries they received. He also take Paul and Silas home so that he can feed and look after them. *What do you find happens when someone says sorry for something?*

3. The jailer also listens to teaching about Jesus and is baptised. His example shows us that it doesn't matter how young or old we are, be changed by our relationship with him. *Have you been to a baptism? What did you enjoy about it? Are there any photos you can see of your baptism or someone else you know?*

Here is a picture of Paul and Silas in jail for you to colour:



Give thanks to God and praise Him. Ps. 100:4

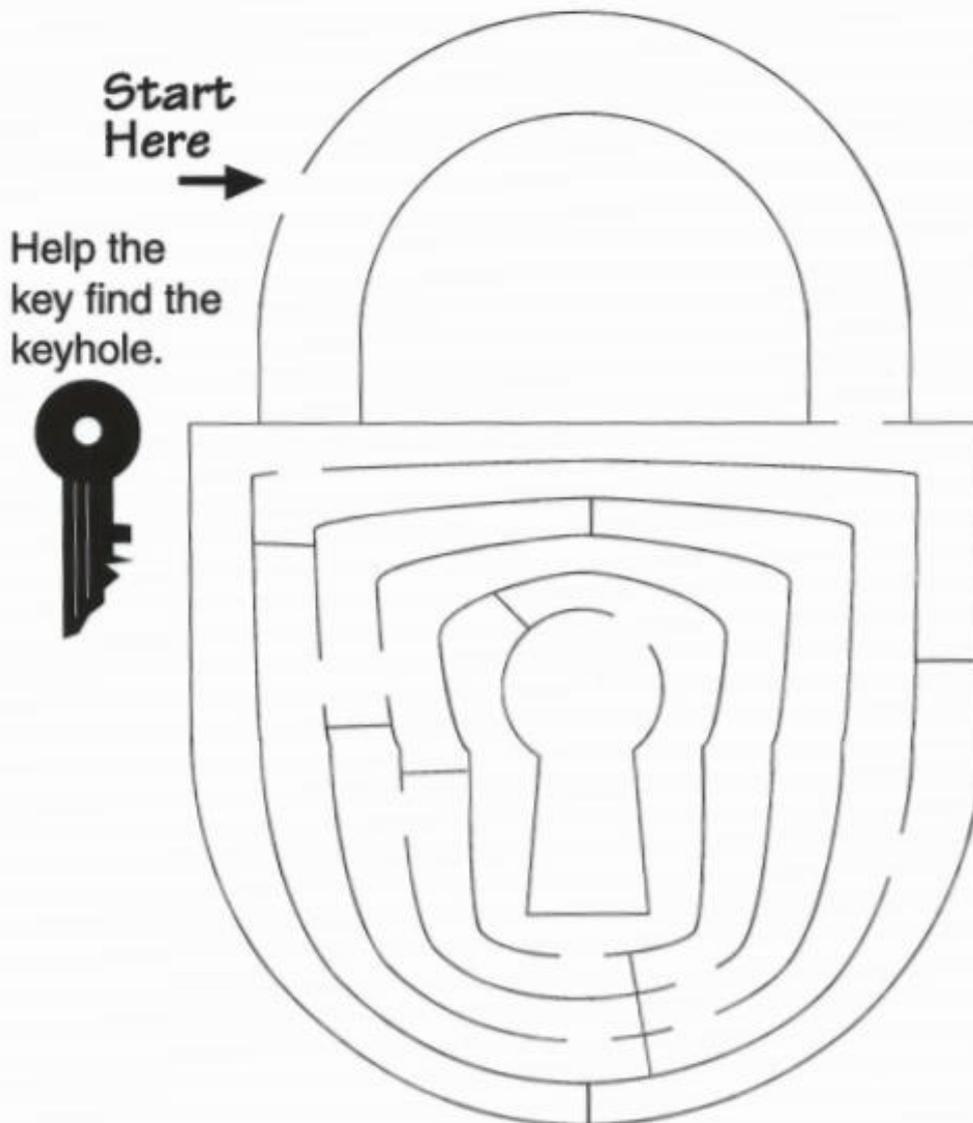
Coloring Page
God Took Care of Paul and Silas

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I wonder what Paul and Silas were saying or singing here?

What is your favourite song to sing at church or in school worship?

A maze puzzle for you:

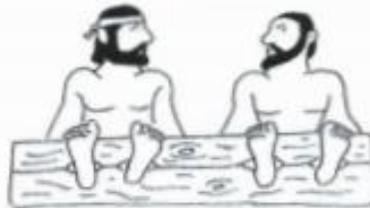


Paul and Silas did not need a key to open the prison doors. God caused an earthquake to open the doors and to make the chains fall away.

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And another...

Help Paul and Silas get out of the stocks and go through the maze to where the jailer is being baptized.



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THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN,
HALLOWED BE THY NAME,
THY KINGDOM COME,
THY WILL BE DONE,
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.
GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.
AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES,
AS WE FORGIVE THOSE
WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US.
AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION,
BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.
FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM,
AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY,
FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN

Go in peace to love and serve The Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen