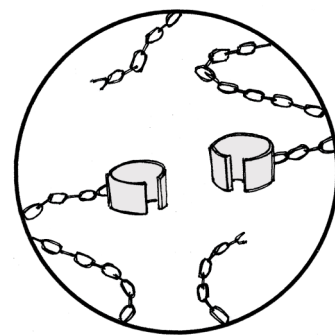


**Lesson #4-33****PAUL AND SILAS IN PRISON**

Acts 16:16-34

**Key Verse:**

They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

Acts 16:31

**The Point:**

God can even use the imprisonment of the faithful to bring about change in people.

**Unit Theme (April 17—May 8)**

Good News Spreads

**SING LOUD AND PROUD**

*Sing songs of praise at the top of your lungs.*

*Supplies:*

- † Hymnals or printed copies of lyrics

*Preparation:*

1. Brainstorm praise songs or hymns your group is familiar with. Make sure your congregation has copyright permission for all songs used.

*Instructions:*

1. Distribute hymnals or song sheets.
2. **Has anyone been in a scary or uncertain situation before? What did you do to get through it? What helped ease your fears?**
3. **What did Paul and Silas do when they were in prison, before the earthquake?** *[They sang songs of praise to God.]* **Why do you think they**

**sang praise songs when they were in such a bad situation?** *[They trusted in God's faithfulness, they believed God would rescue them, they knew God was steady even during uncertain times.]*

4. **We are going to pick a song to sing as a group at the top of our lungs today. Pretend we are with Paul and Silas in their prison cell, imprisoned for spreading the gospel. What praise songs would help get you through that tough time?**
5. When you have selected a song, start singing. Participants should sing loudly, without fear of disturbing anyone. That is the point—get the attention of people and make them wonder why your group is praising God so loudly (just like Paul and Silas).