

3-5s | W3

Prelude: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing time for fun interaction

That's a Wrap

Anytime, Anywhere, Anything

Shaking Houses

Large Group (20 minutes)

Worship: Inviting people to respond to God

Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Worship

Bible Story

Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

Emotions

Paul and Silas Move

Prayer Time

Emotions Flying High

Finish the Story

Journal and Prayer

Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home

Memory Verse Card

Parent Cue Card (print or email)

Parent Cue App and ParentCue.org

***Allergy Alert**



Bible Story

Paul and Silas • Acts 16:16-40 | I can pray to God.

Key Question

What does the Bible teach you?

Bottom Line

The Bible teaches me the best things.

Memory Verse

"Your word is truth" (John 17:17 NIV).

11 min

Worship

3 min

Worship Opener

What You Need

 Preschool Bible

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Worship Leader enters.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hi, friends! My name is [your name]. I am SO happy to see you today, because today we are going to celebrate. I want everyone to clap with me.

Clap your hands.

"Yes! Clapping is one way we celebrate when something good happens. And God did something SO good, I think we should celebrate it!

Open hands like a book.

"God gave us a very special book, and we call this book the Bible. The Bible has God's words in it, and it teaches us the best things. Can everyone say: 'Thank you, God!'"

Do the ASL sign for "thanks": Move flat hand forward from chin.

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: "Thank you, God!"

WORSHIP LEADER: "Can you celebrate God with me and say: *(throw your hands in the air)* 'Yay, God!'"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: *(Throw your hands in the air.)* "Yay, God!"

Amazing Music is available to stream for free in APlay.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Now, let's stand up, and let's celebrate God because God gave us a little light to shine.

Lead children in singing "This Little Light of Mine."

"Great singing, friends! Now let's learn some of God's words from the Bible. *(Open hands like a book.)* Are you ready? Watch me say the words from the Bible and do the motions, and then you can do them with me!

Note: A video of the Memory Verse Motions is available in the Prelude folder and on Pinterest.

"Your *(point up)* word *(open hands like a book)* is truth," *(move index finger forward from mouth)* John 17:17. *(Open hands like a book.)*

"Can you do that with me?"

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with Hand Motions once or twice.

3 min

Amazing Music | Option 1 w/ Memory Verse

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

Orange Kids Music | Option 2

What You Need

No supplies needed



13 min

Bible Story Section (Rug)

10 min

Bible Story | Live

What You Need

 Bible	0
 Option: Cardstock	1

What You Do:

- Download the Large Group Visuals to display on a device or screen or copy on cardstock.

"Great job, friends! Jesus, God's Son, said that everything that God says is true! Now let's sing one more song together.

Lead children in singing "The B-I-B-L-E."

"Thanks for celebrating God with me! **[Transition]** And now it's time to turn around (*spin around*) . . . sit down (*sit down*) . . . shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) . . . so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"

Orange Kids Music is available for purchase at Store.ThinkOrange.com.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Now, let's stand up, and let's celebrate God!"

Lead children in singing "The Bible Teaches Me the Best Things."

"Great singing, friends! Let's sing one more song together.

Lead children in singing "Important Things."

"Thanks for celebrating God with me! **[Transition]** And now it's time to turn around (*spin around*) . . . sit down (*sit down*) . . . shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) . . . so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible.

Open the Bible for children to see, then set it down.

"Today's Bible story begins with two men named Paul and Silas.

SLIDE: Story Image W3 01

"Paul and Silas were friends with Jesus, and they loved God. They told everyone everywhere that Jesus wanted to be their friend forever.

"Everyone, say this with me: Jesus wants to be your friend forever!"

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Jesus wants to be your friend forever!"

LEADER: "Great job! That's what Paul and Silas were doing. They wanted everyone to know that Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever.

"One day, some people who did not love Jesus got upset with Paul and Silas. They tried to stop Paul and Silas by putting them in jail!

SLIDE: Story Image W3 02

"Jail is not a fun place. When you are in jail, you have to stay in the same room all day. You cannot play with your friends or see your family whenever you want. It sounds very sad, doesn't it?

"But Paul and Silas knew God loved them, so guess what they did?

SLIDE: Story Image W3 03

"Paul and Silas prayed and talked to God.

Fold your hands like you are praying.

"Can you fold your hands like you are praying? (*Listen.*) Yes, Paul and Silas prayed and talked to God.

"And they also sang songs to God! Can you sing with me?

Sing a few simple notes for children to repeat, or consider singing "Jesus Loves Me."

"Great singing! Paul and Silas knew that even though they were in jail, God still loved them, and they could pray and talk to God.

"While Paul and Silas were praying and singing, everyone in the jail was listening to them.

And then suddenly, the ground began to shake. It was an earthquake!

"Can you shake your whole body?

Shake your body.

"Oh, it's an earthquake! Whoa! And three ... two ... one ...

Stop shaking and freeze

(*Quietly.*) "The earthquake stopped.

Pause until everyone stops shaking.

"The earthquake shook the jail from top to bottom. And the doors of jail flew wide open! Paul and Silas could walk right out! But ... Paul and Silas did not leave. They stayed in the jail.

SLIDE: Story Image W3 04

"Paul and Silas spoke to the guard who was in charge of the jail.

SLIDE: Story Image W3 05

"They told the guard that God loves him and that Jesus wants to be his friend forever. And the guard decided to love God and follow Jesus too.

3 min

Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

"Wow! Paul and Silas knew they could pray and talk to God anytime, anywhere, and about anything, and we can pray and talk to God, too.

"Tell me: can we pray and talk to God when it's early in the morning or late at night? (*Listen.*) Yes! We can pray to God at any time of the day.

"Can we pray and talk to God when we are at the doctor, at school, or at the fair? (*Listen.*) Yes! We can pray to God wherever we are!

"Can we pray and talk to God when we are feeling happy, sad, silly, or mad? (*Listen.*) Yes! We can pray to God about anything!

"We can pray and talk to God anytime, anywhere, and about anything, just like Paul and Silas! And we know this because we can read about Paul and Silas in the Bible.

"The Bible has God's words in it, and it teaches us the BEST things! **What does the Bible teach you?"**

CHILDREN and LEADER: [*Bottom Line*] "The Bible teaches me the best things!"

LEADER: "Yes, [*Bottom Line*] The Bible teaches me the best things.

Pick up and close Bible.

[Transition] "Our story time is over, but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!

PRAYER

LEADER: "Dear God, thank You for giving us the Bible. Help us to learn more about You so we can tell others about You. You are the best, God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

[Transition] "And now it's time for more Bible fun. There's more to learn. Come on, everyone!"

Lead small group to the first activity.

Supplies

Worship Opener

- 1. Preschool Bible

Quantity

0

Bible Story | Live

- 1. Bible
- 2. Option: Cardstock

Quantity

0

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