# Paul and Silas Go to Jail

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#### **Slide: Welcome**

(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

### **Slide: Series Intro**

Today we are going to talk about a pretty crazy story from the Bible, but before we get into that, I have some questions for you. Have you ever had a bad day? (allow kids to answer). What happened that made it a bad day? (allow kids to answer). Those all sound like things that would definitely make it a bad day. Have you ever had a day that started bad but turned out to be good? (allow kids to answer).

Well, in today's story we are going to be talking about some guys named Paul and Silas. They were having a really bad day. They had been thrown in jail! But lucky for them, God was on their side.

We'll talk about that some more in a few minutes. But first, let's stand and sing a song together.

#### Song

Song #1

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

#### **Slide: Big Idea**

All together:

God can turn a bad day into a good day. (Repeat)

#### Video

Play lesson video.

#### **Slide: Recap**

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

• What did Paul and Silas do in prison? (sang songs)

- Who did Paul and Silas talk to about Jesus? (the jailer)
- True or False: No one can fix your bad days. (F)

Sometimes it might feel like a bad day will never get better. Like when you wake up late, miss the bus, forget your homework, and drop your lunch on the floor. When things like that happen, you feel like there's no way you will be able to have a good day. But lucky for us, we have an awesome God who can help. When you're having a bad day, the best thing to do is talk to God about it. Hard stuff might still happen but God can turn your bad day into something good! That's the lesson we can learn from Paul and Silas. They started out in jail being punished for loving Jesus, but they kept their focus on God, and he made it into a better day.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

#### **Slide: Memory Verse**

"Believe in the Lord Jesus (point up) and you will be saved (point at others), along with everyone in your household (arms above head in triangle shape)." Acts 16:31 (*Repeat*)

In this verse Paul and Silas are talking to the jailer. Now, they had just experienced an amazing earthquake that busted them out of jail. They could've just run off thanking God for setting them free. But that's not what they did. They realized that the jailer just experienced the awesome power of God and they needed to share Jesus with him. The jailer put his faith in Jesus and went and told his whole family about Jesus and they became Christians, too!

None of that could have happened if Paul and Silas didn't have a bad day that landed them in jail. God let them have a bad day for a little while so that he could use them for something bigger. God can do the same for us. Sometimes our bad days give us an opportunity to do something new, or they teach us an important lesson. Having a bad day isn't always fun, but it's going to happen, and we have to remember that God is with us through it all. So, kids, when you have a bad day, remember that God can turn it into something good.

Now let's all stand and sing one last song together.

#### Song

Song #2

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

### **Slide: Big Idea**

God can turn a bad day into a good day. (Repeat)

## **Slide: Let's Pray**

Pray and dismiss.