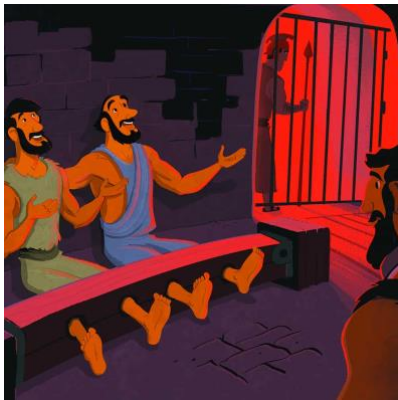


## Paul and Silas

Paul and Silas were in 'lockdown'! They had been thrown into prison, and not only were they confined to a small cell but they were also in chains. However they knew that God was with them. So what did they do? They kept on praying and singing God's praises and thanking God for who He is and everyone in the prison could hear them singing God's praise.



Later Paul wrote to the Thessalonians saying,

*"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances"*  
*1 Thessalonians 5 :16-18*

... and that's exactly what he and Silas had done in prison in Philippi.

Then, **SUDDENLY**, there was an earthquake... their chains fell off, the jail doors were open and they were free!

What did they do next? Did they jump up and run out of the prison?

**NO**, they stayed where they were..... they heard the Jailor calling out, he was scared, he thought the prisoners had all escaped and he knew he would be in big trouble with the Romans

**BUT** Paul said, "Don't worry we are still here!"

What happened next was even more amazing. The jailor had heard them singing and praising God and he wanted to know how he could be saved and he became a Christian .... and all his family became Christians too.

**AND** ... the next morning the Roman officers sent orders to let Paul and Silas go free.

We may still be in 'lock down' and things may be difficult but like Paul and Silas we can keep on praying and keep on praising God.

If you want to read the whole story it is in Acts 16:23-35.

Here are some links to cartoon videos of the story

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y24Ak7DJZFg>

Crossroads Kids Club (4mins)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5t\\_3BuseTS0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5t_3BuseTS0)

Slapstick theatre (2 mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XZbbhVNm4iw>

The Holy Tales - Animated Bible stories (4mins)

These are Powerpoint slideshows

Free bible images

<http://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/rg-paul-silas/> 19 pictures

<http://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/btbm-paul-prisoner/> 7 pictures

Click on the link below and then you can download 1. & 2. to make mini-books.

<http://www.gospelhall.org/index.php/component/search/?searchword=Paul%20and%20Silas&searchphrase=all&Itemid=435>

1. **Sunday School Lesson Activity 815 Paul and Silas in Philippi Black and White** - this contains two mini books to make with black and white pictures that you colour
2. **Sunday School Lesson Activity 815 Paul and Silas survive Earthquake in Jail** - this contains a mini book to make with full colour pictures

## **Prayer**

Father God

Thank you that you loved Paul and Silas so much and that you were with them in prison and that you set them free.

Thank you that you love and care for us and that you protect us too.

Help us to always be thankful and to praise you whatever happens.

Amen

**I can pray to Jesus anywhere.**



**Earthquake in Prison (Acts 16:16-40)**

## Paul and Silas - Singing in Prison



# Paul and Silas - Set Free

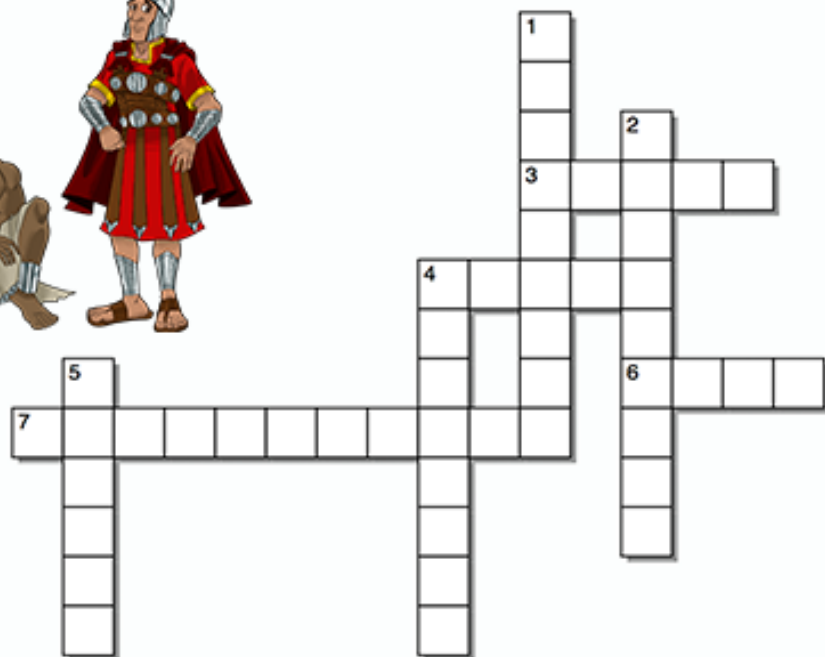




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### ACROSS

- 3) "They \_\_\_\_ the word of God to him and everyone in his house." (Acts 16:32 ESV)
- 4) "The doors were opened and everyone's \_\_\_\_ were unfastened." (Acts 16:26 ESV)
- 6) "Paul cried out, "Do not \_\_\_\_ yourself for we are all here." (Acts 16:28 ESV)
- 7) "The \_\_\_\_\_ have sent to let you go. Therefore come out now and go in peace." (Acts 16:36 ESV)

### DOWN

- 1) "About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to Yah (God), and the \_\_\_\_\_ were listening to them.." (Acts 16:25 ESV)
- 2) "He rejoiced along with his entire \_\_\_\_ that he had believed in God." (Acts 16:24 ESV)
- 4) "Paul took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was \_\_\_\_ at once, he and all his family." (Acts 16:33 ESV)
- 5) "The \_\_\_\_\_ called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas." (Acts 16:29 ESV)

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