

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

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Unit 1, Session 2

CONNECTION POINT:

Faith is grounded in obedience to God's Word.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: For many people, the idea of stepping out in faith translates to doing what they think or hope is the right thing to do. But how do we know if that is what God wants? Faith steps out based on what God says, and it is through the Bible, His Word to us, that we discover His commands and will. Regular reading, study, and reflection on God's Word will keep before us His will and plan for us.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to live out his or her faith.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Acts 16:16-34

Live It Out: Use time playing outside to praise God with your preschooler. Sing simple praise songs. Tell your child that she can sing to God anytime.

Paul and Silas told people about Jesus. Someone complained. They chained them in jail.

Paul and Silas prayed and sang songs to God. The other prisoners listened to them.

Suddenly, while Paul and Silas were praying and singing, an earthquake shook the ground. The prison doors opened, and the prisoners' chains came loose.

The jailer saw the prison doors open and the loose prisoners' chains. The jailer knew he would be punished if the prisoners were gone.

Paul called out in a loud voice, "We are all still here! Do not be afraid!"

The jailer took Paul and Silas to his house. They told the jailer and his family the good news about Jesus. The jailer cared for Paul and Silas and gave them a meal. The jailer and his family believed what Paul and Silas told them about Jesus and were baptized that very night.

KIDS

Scripture: Acts 16:16-34

Live It Out: Talk about how Paul and Silas responded to being in jail. Remind them that God was with them and they trusted God. Pray together, thanking God for being with us.

A man in Philippi was angry with Paul and Silas because they healed a girl from a spirit of fortune-telling. They demanded the men be put in jail. The city leaders had Paul and Silas beaten and thrown into jail.

Paul and Silas trusted God. Close to midnight, they were praying and singing hymns to God. Suddenly a strong earthquake shook the jail, all the doors flew open, and everyone's prison chains fell off! The jailer woke up and saw the prison doors open. He was afraid, but Paul called out to the jailer, "We're all here!"

Shaking and trembling, the jailer fell down before Paul and Silas and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." Paul and Silas told everyone about Jesus.

The jailer and his entire family were baptized because they believed in Jesus.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Joshua 1:1-9,16-18

- How does your life demonstrate faith in God's promises?
- How are you pursuing God's presence?
- Why is obeying God such a serious matter?

Live It Out: We are saved by grace through faith, and true belief is tied to obedience. God calls His people to be like Him, and we fulfill this purpose when we, by faith, live in obedience to God's Word.

Engaging lost people around us isn't merely a suggestion in Scripture but a command. In fact, the mission Jesus has called us to is to make disciples of all nations. Who does your family know in your neighborhood or at your school who doesn't know God? As a family, pray for this person and think of ways you can show him or her God's love.