

GOOD NEWS CLUB AGENDA

God's Missionary at Work #2 – "Paul's Boldness Before a Prison Guard" Acts 16:16-40

WEEK OF:

MAIN TRUTH: You can praise the Lord even in times of trouble.

TO DO AS THE CHILDREN ARRIVE:

1. Greet the children; make them feel welcome.
2. Take attendance.
3. Listen to previous week's memory verse.
4. Have children put money in missions bank.

PRE-SESSION ACTIVITY:

1. OLDER & YOUNGER CHILD: Memory Verse Coloring Page or your own Pre-session pages

SONG: (2 minutes)

PRAYER: (4 minutes)

1. Prayer song: _____
2. Ask the children to share any "Thank You Prayers" or "Please Prayers" they have.
3. Lead the class in "Thank You Prayers" and "Please Prayers."

MEMORY VERSE: (7 minutes)

Psalm 34:1 – "I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth."

(The underlined portion of the verse indicates what the younger children should memorize. See "**Involvement Helps for Younger Children**" for helps in teaching the verse to the younger children.)

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HYMN FOR GOD'S MISSIONARY AT WORK: (2 minutes)

BIBLE LESSON: (20 minutes)

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(See "**Involvement Helps for Younger Children**" for ways to involve the children in the Bible lesson.)

COUNSEL TIME:

(If you have a helper, hostess, or Teacher Junior Grade, let them do the review time while you counsel those who responded to the invitation. Otherwise, at the end of club, be sure to remind the children who responded to the invitation to stay after club for a few minutes.)

QUIET TIME NOTEBOOK/TAKE TIME TO REVIEW: (1 minute)

From the returned TTtR/Q.T.N.s, mention one or two of the children's responses to the Main Truth challenge. Hand out Take Time to Review/Quiet Time Notebook, God's Missionary at Work #2. Ask the children to complete the booklet before the next club. Remind them that they need to show you their TTtR/Q.T. Notebook next week.

LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE & THE OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS: (5 minutes)

Teach information for Week #8.

MISSIONARY TIME: (13 minutes)

1. Sing "God's Way" while child comes to look in the "Go and Tell" Box.
2. Share information for the "Go and Tell" Box – Week #7 and pray. (See attached page.)
3. Show goal chart and mention the amount given so far.
4. Missions song: _____
5. Story: *Not Darkness At All*. Teach the part of the story for Week #9.

REVIEW ACTIVITY: (6 minutes)

Use the activity below or the Bible Learning Game from "Involvement Helps for Younger Children."

"Love Your Enemies" – Divide your class into two teams and choose a captain for each team. Make 20 yellow faces—ten smiley faces and ten sad faces—and place them in a paper bag. (See attached page.) After a child answers a review question, he pulls a face from the bag and gives it to his team captain. If he gets a smiley face, his team earns 100 points. If he gets a sad face and can share one way to show love to an enemy, his team earns 150 points. Have each team captain add up the points at the end of the game. The team with the most points wins. - Rita L. Lobdell.

Review questions for GOD'S MISSIONARY AT WORK #2:

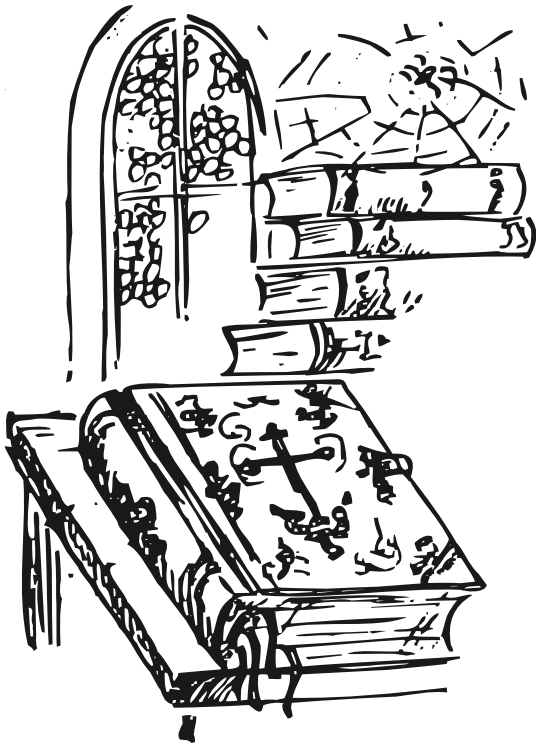
1. **What young man did Paul and Silas meet up with in Lystra, who then joined them on their journey?** (Timothy)
2. **Who kept bothering Paul day after day as he was trying to preach to the people who were going out for prayer?** (A young slave girl with an evil spirit inside, who was also a fortuneteller)
3. **What did the young girl keep repeating about Paul and his friends? Hint: It was a true statement** ("These men are servants of the Most High God.")
4. **Paul told the people there was only one way to have their sins forgiven and be saved. What is that one way?** (To believe what Jesus did on the cross to pay for sins, and to believe He is alive today; asking Jesus to forgive their sins)
5. **Why were the owners of the slave girl angry?** (They could no longer make money using her to tell fortunes.)
6. **How did Paul and Silas feel about being in prison? What did they do?** (They were not angry at God; they prayed and sang praises.)
7. **Can you name a time that you can pray and sing praises to the Lord – even when you are in a time of trouble?** (Answers will vary.)
8. **What happened that caused the prison doors to open and the chains to fall off the prisoners?** (There was a great earthquake – caused by God.)
9. **What happened to the prison guard and his family after this happened?** (They believed and were saved; they were baptized.)

*COUNSEL TIME: (*Only if you did not counsel with the children earlier.)

SEND HOME WITH THE CHILDREN:

1. Pre-session papers for older and younger child
2. Memory verse token
3. Quiet Time/Take Time to Review, God's Missionary at Work #2

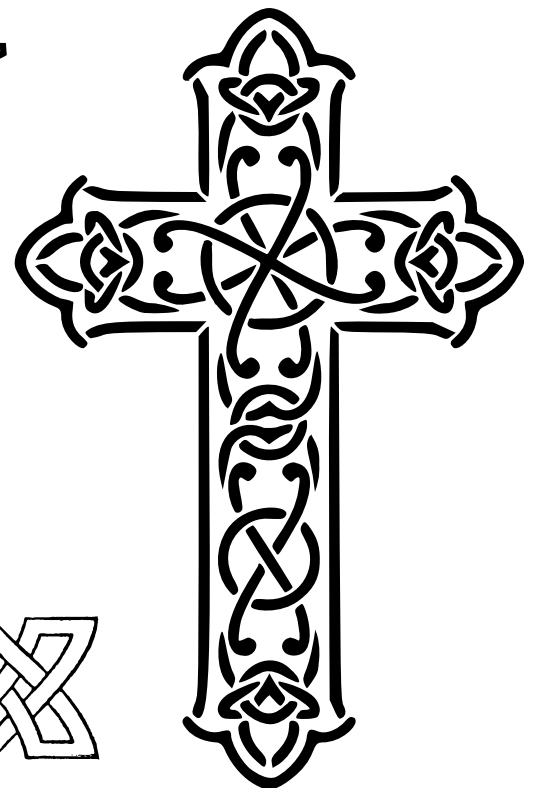
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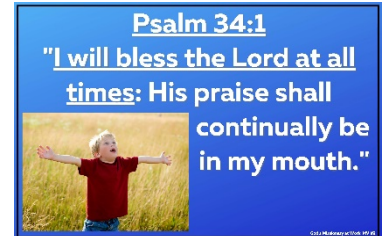
PAUL'S BOLDNESS BEFORE A PRISON GUARD

Psalm 34:1

"I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth."

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By Gayle Stahlman



INTRODUCE THE VERSE:

I am going to share some good news. After each statement, I want everyone in the class to say together, "Praise the Lord." Are you ready? *Grandma is coming for your birthday and bringing a special gift.* (Allow for response). *You got all good grades on your report card this time.* (Allow for response). *For Christmas vacation, we are going to Disney World.* (Allow for response). These are all good things. But what about when bad things happen? Can we still praise the Lord then? Let's take a look at our verse for today.

READ THE VERSE:

Read the verse together from the visualized verse. Then read the verse directly from the Bible.

EXPLAIN THE VERSE (do motions together):

- Psalm 34:1** – This is where the verse is found in the Bible. We call it the address or (Hands as an open Bible.) reference. It is found in the book of Psalm, chapter 34, verse 1.
- "I will bless the Lord"*** – "bless" is another word for praise. It means to give thanks for something. (Point to self on "I." This says you and I need to praise, or thank, the Lord. When are we to do Pretend to clap and move this? Only when things are going well? Only when we get what we want? hands in a circular motion No! in the air on "bless the Lord.")
- "at all times:"*** – The Bible says we are to bless the Lord all the time. Even when things (Point to wrist as if are difficult or we don't understand why certain things are happening, we counting time.) can still bless the Lord.
- "His praise shall continually be in my mouth."*** – "continually" means always. God tells us we should always have praise (Use same motion as in our mouths and on our lips. We can thank and praise the Lord even when used on "bless the Lord" things are not going so well. Why? Because if Jesus is your Saviour, He is above. Point to mouth on with you. He is reason enough for us to give praise. "in my mouth.")

REPEAT THE VERSE:

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HELPS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

God's Missionary at Work #2

Memory Verse

For younger children, teach only the underlined portion of the verse.

Psalm 34:1 – "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth."

Bible Lesson Involvement Helps

Flashcard 2-1:

Have children repeat the names of the three missionaries, holding up one finger on their hand for each one:
Paul, Silas, Timothy

O – Have children sign the name of Jesus. (Right middle finger to bottom of left palm, left middle finger to bottom of right palm)

Flashcard 2-2:

P,E – Sing both verses of "You & Me" with the children. (Speak to your director if you do not know this song)

Have the children show you an expression on their face that shows how the girl's masters must have felt. (*anger*)

Flashcard 2-3:

S – Have children repeat the definition of sin, using the motions. "Sin is anything you think (point to head), say (point to mouth), or do (make fists) that is not right (shake head "no") in God's sight.

Flashcard 2-4:

G – Have children say, "God loves me!" while doing the motions. (Point up to Heaven, Hug self, Point to self)

Have children sing together *Jesus Loves Me*. If they do not know this song, ask them to listen quietly as you sing about how much God loves them.

Have children repeat to each other, "*We're free! Our chains are gone!*"

Flashcard 2-5:

Have children pretend to be Paul, and shouting out, "*We are all here. No one has escaped!*"

Bible Learning Game, Main Truth #2: You can praise the Lord even in times of trouble.

Needed supplies: To know the song, "Jesus Loves Me"

Have children stand in a circle. Choose one child to be in the middle.

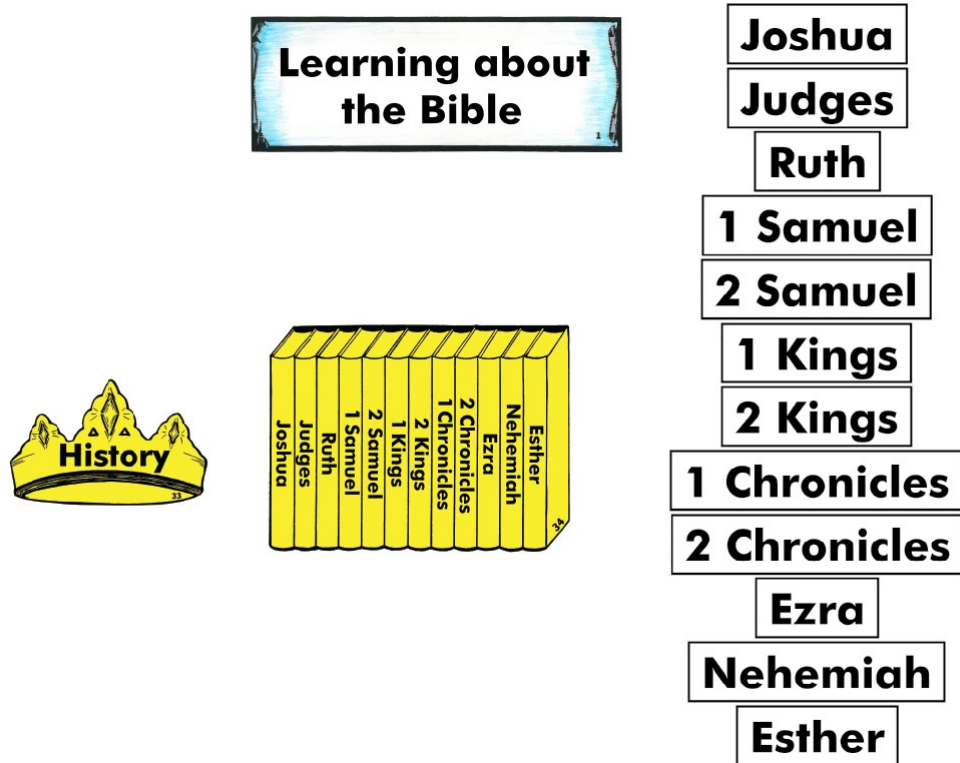
"Stephen, even if your favorite toy is missing, what is one thing that you can still thank God for?" (Parents, other toys, food, clothes...) "That's right! And you can ALWAYS be thankful that Jesus loves you!"

Sing the chorus of "Jesus loves me" while you walk around in a circle.

Repeat as you have time with different children. (Other ideas for times of trouble: "Even if you don't like any of the food at supper time..."; "Even if your best friend won't play with you..."; "Even if you fall and hurt your knee...")

LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE & THE OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS

WEEK #8



(Place figure #1.) (Review the five books of Law and the first nine books of History. If time allows, review something about the name or content of each book.) So far, we have learned nine books of History. *(Place figures #33 and #34.)* There are 12 altogether, so we will learn the last three books today. They are Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther. Let's find out a little about each of them. *(Place Ezra wordstrip.)* Ezra describes what it was like for the people of Israel who were captured by their enemy and taken away to live in another country. *(Place Nehemiah wordstrip.)* Nehemiah is the next book of History. Nehemiah was the leader of the people that returned to Israel. They came to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, which had been destroyed when the city was captured. *(Place Esther wordstrip.)* The book of Esther is the story of how Esther, a beautiful, young Jewish girl, became the Queen of Persia and risked her own life to save the Jews. Something interesting about this book is that the name of God does not appear in it. *(Practice saying the names of the five books of Law and the 12 books of History.)*



GO AND TELL BOX

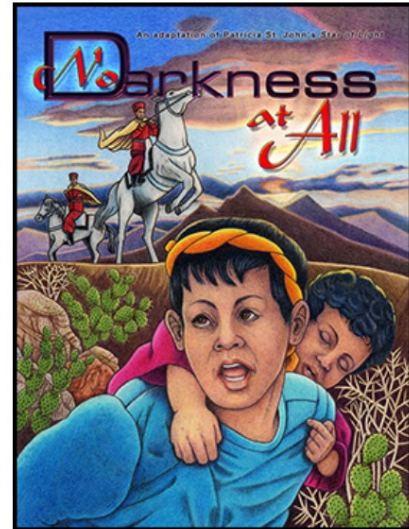
WEEK #7 – INTRODUCE THE LUTTMANNS

INFORMATION

(Suggested items to put in the “Go and Tell” Box – picture of the mission lesson.)

What do you think our missionary lesson has to do with *going and telling*? *(Let the children share their ideas.)*

Let’s meet another one of our missionary families. Mr. and Mrs. Luttmann are missionaries serving with Bible Visuals International located in Akron, Pennsylvania. Let’s call them Mr. Tom and Mrs. Betsy. They have five children. Elijah is in the 10th grade, and Samuel and David are twins and in the 8th grade. Jessie is in 3rd grade and Ginger, their only girl, is in 2nd grade. *(Show their picture.)*



Mr. Tom grew up in Canada where his parents worked on the family apple orchard. His older brother shared the Gospel with him when he was six years old, and he prayed to receive Jesus as his Saviour. Mr. Tom attended Bob Jones University. During his first year there he learned the importance of serving the Lord Jesus. For two summers, Mr. Tom came to Eastern Pennsylvania and served as a summer missionary with CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP OF EASTERN PA, INC., teaching children in neighborhood 5-Day Clubs. It was during his training that first summer that he learned how to lead a child to the Lord.

Mr. Tom is now in charge of the ministry of Bible Visuals International. They print materials like our missionary lesson that we use in Good News Club. *(Show the mission visual.)* Mr. Tom helps missionaries around the world have materials that share the precious truth about the Lord Jesus and explain how children can receive Him as Saviour.

PRAYER

THANK God for the Luttmann family as they serve the Lord in making Bible lessons and songs available for missionaries to use.

ASK God to give Mr. Tom wisdom to decide about which materials need to be printed and how to make more materials available to missionaries in foreign countries.



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**You can
praise
the Lord
even in times
of trouble.**

FLASHCARD 2-5

- Earthquake woke up the prison guard; Looked, saw the doors were open
- Thought the prisoners must have escaped; Pulled out his sword to kill himself...
- ...Knew if let the prisoners escape, he would be killed
- Was just about to kill himself, Paul shouted, "Do not harm yourself, we are all here."

FLASHCARD 2-6

- Prison guard had seen God's power! Shaking and afraid, fell down before Paul and Silas and said, "What must I do to be saved?"
- Paul, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved."
- That night, the guard and his whole family listened to Paul teach about Jesus... and they believed!
- Jesus was God the Son, the Saviour God had promised!
- Then even asked to be baptized to show they believed in Jesus as their Saviour from sin
- Paul and Silas were right; God was doing something good, even though it didn't look like it...

- Because they had been thrown in prison, the guard and his whole family had chosen to believe on Jesus as their Saviour from sin
- Have you ever believed on Jesus as your Saviour from sin? If not, God gives the same wonderful promise to you today...

INVITATION

Acts 16:31 – "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved...."

**S
P, E
L**

BOW HEADS RESPONSE

CHALLENGE

G – Go over MT

MT, PAS – GOD WANTS YOU TO PRAISE HIM EVEN IN TIMES OF TROUBLE

R – Review PAS verse

Psalm 34:1 – "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth."

O – Overview PAS examples

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

W – Will you do it?

GOD'S MISSIONARY AT WORK #2

Acts 16:16-40

- I want you to think of a time when you got in trouble
- When that happened, it was probably because you did something that was wrong...
- Can you imagine getting in trouble for doing what was right?
- How would that make you feel? Something like that is going to happen to Paul in today's true story from the Bible
- What would he do? Would he get angry and upset? Listen carefully to find out.

FLASHCARD 2-1

- Paul was just starting out on another missionary journey – traveling all over to tell people all about Jesus and how He died on the cross for them!
- Paul and Barnabas weren't going together this time; Paul went one direction and Barnabas another
- Paul had another helper now - Silas
- As they traveled, met up with another young man named Timothy – all three traveled together

- Three got into a boat; sailed across the water to a big city called Philippi

- They did not have church building in Philippi; Paul met with people near the river and in the streets of the town
- Told everyone who would listen to the Good News about Jesus – Who He is and how He came to die on the cross for our sin!

O

P, E

Hebrews 9:22b – "...Without shedding of blood is no remission."

- Paul told everyone who would listen to this Good News!

FLASHCARD 2-2

- One day, Paul and Silas went to a place to pray with others who had believed in Jesus
- Bible says young girl interrupted them
- We don't know her name, but we do know she had an evil spirit from Satan, God's enemy, living inside of her; How sad!
- The evil spirit would tell this young girl things that other people wouldn't know
- This girl was also a slave; Her master liked that she had this evil

spirit in her; Used her to make money

-Would make people pay to ask her questions

-.... The evil spirit would help the girl tell the people about what would happen in their future

- This day, she followed after Paul saying; "These men are servants of the Most High God. They are telling us the way of salvation!"

- Day after day, the girl kept following Paul and Silas; Saying the same thing over and over

- Do you think Paul and Silas liked this?

- Of course not! Even though what she was saying was true...

- ... I'm sure they didn't want the people to think she was working with them to tell people about Jesus

- Finally, Paul turned and said, "I command you in the Name of Jesus Christ to come out of her!"

- Then something amazing happened; Bible says the evil spirit left her!

- This was amazing! But not everyone was happy...

FLASHCARD 2-3

- The girl's master got angry!

- Could no longer use her to make money

- Quickly, they grabbed Paul and Silas; Dragged them into the marketplace where large groups gathered

- Shouted loudly for everyone to hear; "Throw these men in prison! They are causing trouble in our city!

- Even though Paul and Silas had done nothing wrong; Crowd began to attack them

- Roman leaders tore clothes off their backs; Began beating them

- Then thrown into prison; Guard told to watch them carefully

FLASHCARD 2-4

- Put in the inner prison, chained, put feet in blocks of wood

- This would keep them from escaping

- Now Paul and Silas could have gotten angry with God for allowing this to happen; Knew that would not have been right

- Maybe you can think of a time when you got angry that things did not go your way; Maybe even got angry at God...

- ... When we do that, God says that is a sin

S, PAU

1 John 5:17b – *"All unrighteousness is sin...."*

1.

2.

3.

- Paul and Silas knew would be a sin for them to get angry because things weren't going their way

- Instead of getting angry, started singing & praising God! They knew that God loved them

- And if you are here today, do you know that God loves you?

G

- God loved Paul and Silas; God was with them; And God was doing something good in all of this even though it didn't look like it

- God the Holy Spirit was helping them praise God even in this time of trouble

MT – GOD WANTS YOU TO PRAISE HIM EVEN IN TIMES OF TROUBLE

- Paul and Silas were praising God even though they were in prison!

- Instead of sitting around and thinking about how unfair things were, God the Holy Spirit was helping them praise God for how Great and Wonderful He is!

- They knew that even though they were in prison, God loved and cared for them!

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- Paul and Silas weren't sitting around complaining or having a bad attitude; Were praising God!

- Singing so loudly that the other prisoners heard them

- Guards & other prisoners must have been amazed; Could see there was something different about Paul and Silas...

- ... What kind of men would be praising God in prison?

- Knew what they were saying about Jesus had to be true!

- While they were singing, something amazing happened!

- Ground began to shake; Great earthquake!

- Immediately the prison doors flew open, chains fell off the prisoners