

**Press on in Confidence**  
**WBS Kids Lesson #03**  
**Philippians 1:12-18b, Acts 16:16-31**

**HOOK:** Ever been treated unfairly? Maybe someone said you did something that you really didn't do and you got in trouble for it. Yikes! That's not fair!

**BOOK:** When we open our Bible, we read in the book of Acts about the Apostle Paul and his friend Silas. One day, they were preaching the Good News and casting out demons in Jesus' name, but some, who didn't believe in Jesus, became angry—so angry that they had Paul and Silas beaten and thrown into prison! The jailer who was put in charge chained their feet and locked them up. Paul and Silas were dedicated to the Lord so even though they were treated unfairly, they were not discouraged. Instead, they sang worship songs to God in the middle of the night! They knew their suffering was for the Lord and that He had a plan. Well, God heard their praise and displayed His mighty power through an earthquake which shook the prison so hard that Paul and Silas' chains came loose! The men could have run out of the prison and escaped, but they stayed put. The jailer was thankful that they stayed and was amazed at the power of God so he asked Paul and Silas, **“Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They replied, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved...’**  
**(Acts 16:30b-31a)**

**LOOK:** Paul and Silas suffered for their faith, but God made something good come out of it. The story goes on to tell us that the jailer took care of Paul and Silas' wounds and even brought them to his house and fed them a meal. The jailer was filled with joy because not only he, but his whole household, had come to believe in God. That made Paul and Silas' suffering totally worth it!

**TOOK:** We will probably never be thrown into jail for preaching about God, but that doesn't mean we won't ever suffer for the Lord. Someone might make fun of us for following Jesus or maybe they won't want to be our friend because we love the Lord. The Bible tells us to stand firm in our faith, even when we suffer for doing good, and rejoice! That's an example of pressing on in confidence!

**Bible Verse:** **“...The important thing is that in every way...Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.” Philippians 1:18**

**Prayer:** **“Lord, please help us to be strong and rejoice in You even when we suffer for our faith. Amen.”**

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what we  
learned

We learned the true story of Paul and Silas. These men suffered unfairly for their faith when they were beaten and thrown into prison for telling others about Jesus. Yet, Paul and Silas pressed on in confidence. They sang songs of praise to the Lord and trusted in Him. God displayed His mighty power through an earthquake that rocked the jail and loosened their chains, but Paul and Silas didn't escape—they stayed put! As a result, they told the jailer about the Lord and he and his whole family came to believe in Jesus! Paul and Silas suffered for their faith, but God was with them and made something good come out of it.



memory  
verse

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parent/child  
activity

Gather some family members and re-enact the story of Paul and Silas as it's found in Acts 16:16-31. Designate a “jailer” and a jail and toss “Paul” and “Silas” inside. Have the jailer put them in chains. Then Paul and Silas sing songs of praise to God. Shake and quake during the earthquake part of the story and exclaim that the chains are loose! Paul and Silas will then tell the jailer about the Lord. Praise God together as the jailer says he believes in Jesus! Tell your child, “Paul and Silas suffered for the Lord, but God used it for good.”



daily prayer

**“Lord, please help us to be strong and rejoice in You even when we suffer for our faith. Amen.”**

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