

PAUL'S SECOND JOURNEY

ACTS 16:13-15, 16:22-32

LEARN THE WORD

Ephesians 4:4-6

There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

- As Paul preached the Gospel in Philippi, God opened Lydia's heart to the truth. She believed, was saved, and was baptized.
- Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns while they were in prison. God sent an earthquake that freed them, but they stayed to share the Gospel with the jailer. The jailer and his household believed in the Lord Jesus and were saved.

WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

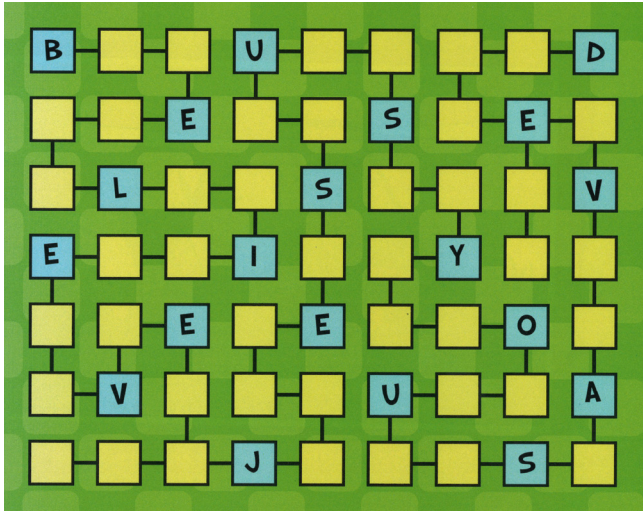
OUTWORD FOR FAMILY DISCUSSION

What if your friend told you he just couldn't understand why things were always going so badly for him, and why doesn't God do something about it?

What could you say?

I'm sorry things seem so bad for you. The pain and suffering in the world is real, but it wasn't always like that. You see, God created the world to be perfect. Then man disobeyed God. He sinned, and sin changed everything. The Bible tells us that sin is what brought evil and bad things into the world—things like pain, disease, death, hunger, divorce, violence, and disasters. People are separated from God because of sin. But God didn't leave us. In His goodness, God sent Jesus to earth. Jesus made a way for all people who have faith in Him to live eternally with God. Jesus lived a perfect life, and when He died on the cross, He was able to take the punishment for sinners because He is perfect. The Bible says that whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Jesus offers hope for today to help us in the bad times as well as hope for all eternity.

Activity: What did Lydia and the jailer need to know? Follow the lines in the puzzle and write the letters in the blanks as you come to them.



_____ on the Lord _____
Christ, and _____ will be _____.

Answers: Believe, Jesus, You, Saved

HOMEWORD FOR PARENTS

The Lord called Paul to make a second missionary journey. God directed Paul and his companions to travel to Macedonia. Their journey took them to Philippi, where Paul told Lydia and some other women about Jesus. As Lydia listened to Paul, the Lord opened her heart to pay attention to the things she heard. She and all her household believed and were baptized (Acts 16:14-15).

It wasn't long before Paul and Silas found themselves arrested in Philippi and accused of disturbing the city and teaching unlawful customs. The authorities had them beaten and put in prison (Acts 16:16-24). As Paul and Silas sat in prison in stocks, praying and singing hymns, God caused an earthquake that opened all the doors. Everyone's bonds were loosed. The jailer awoke and assumed that the prisoners had escaped. To avoid the punishment he would surely face for his carelessness, he was about to kill himself! But Paul stopped him, assuring him the prisoners had not escaped.

These events moved the jailer to ask, "What must I do to be saved?" Paul answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." Paul spoke the word of the Lord to the jailer, and he was transformed by the Gospel. The jailer then cared for Paul and Silas and was baptized (Acts 16:25-34).

Paul and Silas departed from Philippi, but their trip was not over. They preached in Thessalonica, Berea, and Athens. After Athens, they went to Corinth, Ephesus, Caesarea, and finally back to the church at Antioch (Acts 17:1-18:22).

Throughout his second journey, Paul persevered. He taught and encouraged those who believed in Christ and helped to establish churches and make disciples. Paul knew the Gospel is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes. He was not ashamed to profess his allegiance to his Savior, Jesus, or afraid to present the Gospel to all who would listen (Romans 1:16).