

Chapter 29 – Paul’s Mission Day One – Prison No More

Today’s reading: Middle of page 412 through break on page 414

This reading covers: Acts 16

Summary: In prison for telling people about Jesus, Paul and Silas were set free by God.

Do together: Stage a jail scene. Put children in a makeshift cell. Tell them what the prisons must have been like in Paul's day. They didn't have clean cells, good food and TV sets. Free them only after they have sung a song praising God.

Think about: Talk about the imprisonment of Paul and Silas and how their faith never waned, even though they had suffered much. Even in prison, they praised the Lord. What are some hard times you have gone through? Maybe you are in a hard time right now. Will you praise the Lord even when things are tough?

Also read: Psalm 18:1-3

Prayer: Jesus, it’s amazing to realize that Paul and Silas offered their praises to you even when they were in jail. Help me to praise you no matter what is going on in my life. I pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Chapter 29 – Paul’s Mission Day Two – A Teacher to Help

Today’s reading: Break on page 416 through break on page 419; Page 424; Middle of page 426 through top of page 429.

This reading covers: 1 Thessalonians 1-5; 1 Corinthians 1, 12-15

Summary: Paul was a great teacher God used to help his people know how to live.

Do together: Reminisce about your favorite vacation. Where did you go? What did you do? Did you travel far or stay close to home? What do you remember most about this trip?

Think about: If you have maps at the back of your study Bible, look at the ones that trace the three missionary journeys of Paul. How far did he travel? How many different places did he go to? What would those cities have been like in Paul’s day?

Everywhere Paul went, God used him to teach others about Jesus. No matter where you go, God can use you to tell others about him. You can also show others about Jesus by living in a way that pleases God.

Also read: Colossians 3:15-17

Prayer: Father, thank you for great teachers like Paul. Thanks also for the teachers you put in my life; my parents, leaders at church and others who are following closely to you. Help me to understand that you can also use me as I follow you. I pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Chapter 29 – Paul’s Mission Day Three – Our Helper

Today’s reading: Page 431

This reading covers: Galatians 5

Summary: We should walk with the Holy Spirit, the helper given to us by God.

Do together: Using art supplies, have the children draw pictures of their favorite fruits.

Think about: After Jesus died and went to heaven, God sent the Holy Spirit to be with us. Now, as we live for Christ, we have the very power and presence of God in our lives. Because this is true, we need to allow the Holy Spirit to live through us. When this happens, we can see the results. These results, called fruit, are found in today’s reading.

Also read: Ephesians 3:20-21; Colossians 1:29

Prayer: Father, thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit. Help me to let him live through me. I need to do my best to follow you, but I also need to let you live through me. I pray in Jesus’ name, Amen.