



BOOK FAIR | WEEK 3 | JANUARY 18, 2026

## Preschool Lesson

# Paul and Silas

**Bible Story:** *Paul and Silas* • I can pray to God. • Acts 16:16-40

**Memory Verse:** “Your word is truth.” John 17:17, NIV

**Key Question:** What does the Bible teach you?

**Bottom Line:** The Bible teaches me the best things!

**Basic Truth:** I am made for a purpose so I can tell others about God.

### LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Books are a gift because of what they can teach us, but there is one book that surpasses them all—the Bible! Jesus said, “Your word is truth” (John 17:17 NIV). That’s what the Bible is. It’s truth! The Bible is filled with God’s words, and all the best things God wants to teach us. **[Bottom Line] The Bible teaches me the best things!** Join us this month as we pray for our preschoolers to fall in love with the Bible and that they will see God’s Word as truth. That they will see the Bible as the place they can go to learn the best things in life, things like God made me, God loves me, and Jesus wants to be my friend forever. And that by the end of this month, they will know they can talk about God, hear from God, pray to God, and live for God, because those truly are the best things!

**Story Focus: Paul and Silas- I can pray to God.** The Bible teaches us that we can pray to God. Paul and Silas were sitting in a dark jail cell, and they began singing and praying to God! Paul and Silas knew that they could talk to God anytime, anywhere, about anything, so that’s what they did. They had no idea that their prayers would end up changing the life of the jailer who was guarding them as well as his entire family. They all ended up following Jesus! Paul and Silas prayed to God, and we can pray to God, too.

Books are a

#### **Pre-Service Check List**

- HUDDLE AS TEAM → • You’re in this together! Pray together and talk about the activities for the day.
- PLAY MUSIC
- PUT OUT TOYS → • A welcoming environment is important! We want it to be obvious from the moment kids walk in that they belong HERE!
- PUT ASIDE DISTRACTIONS
- ENGAGE WITH KIDS

#### **Morning Flow**

Doors  
Open  
9:15/11:00

Kid  
Connect  
9:35/11:20

Large Group  
Starts  
9:40/11:25

Small Group  
Starts  
10:05/11:50

## KID CONNECT

### WELCOME TIME

#### (VIDEO: ARRIVAL MUSIC)

Play intro music in the background as you greet preschoolers and follow the KidCity check-in procedures. Set out a few favorite theme-related toys, such as puzzles and blocks. (\*Be sure to include books as well to go along with the 'Book Fair' theme for this month.)

#### OPENING ACTIVITY

(No Supplies)

Kid Connect time is spent building relationships with the kids. Gather your Small Group together for some intentional connecting time before Large Group. You can do small activities while you chat together (like coloring or building with blocks) or just sit and listen to each other. Ask your kids relationship-building questions like:

- How old are you?
- Do you have a favorite stuffed animal?
- Do you have a brother, sister, or pet? What are their names?
- What do you like to play at home?
- What's your favorite food/color/animal/ice cream flavor?

*Transition to Large Group...*

## LARGE GROUP

### COUNTDOWN

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN)

Show the countdown video as the children clean up and transition to Large Group.

### SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS

(CG: EXPECTATION SLIDE, BASIC TRUTHS SLIDE, MEMORY VERSE VIDEO; BIBLE)

**LGL:** "Hello my friends! How are you today? Come and sit with me. I am so glad you are here! My name is [your name]. I'm excited to spend time with you today! We are getting ready to sing and dance and hear a true story from the Bible. Before we do let's go over our rules and truths.

"Here in KidCity we have three rules. How many rules do we have? (*Kids respond.*) That's right! Three rules. Let's go over our rules now. (*List rules while counting on fingers*)

1. **Be kind.** We can be kind by using our indoor speaking voices, by staying on our blankets (or whatever space you have), and by obeying our leaders.
2. **Be safe.** We can be safe by walking around the classroom and keeping our hands to ourselves.
3. **Have fun!** We are going to have SO much fun, and that's because you are here!

"Can everybody follow those rules today? (*Kids respond.*) Great! KidCity is a place where we learn about God and Jesus! And there are three big truths that we want you to know. Let's say them all together! Are you ready?

1. **I am made by God.** What is it? *(Kids repeat.)*
2. **I am loved by God no matter what.** What is it? *(Kids repeat.)*
3. **I am made for a purpose!** What is it? *(Kids repeat.)*

"It's time for our memory verse. Let's watch our memory verse motions and do it along with them!"

*Show memory verse motion video and then practice without it.*

**'Your** *(point up)*

**word** *(open hands like a book)*

**is truth,'** *(touch index finger to lips and then move forward away from mouth)*

**John 17:17."** *(Open hands like a book.)*

"Ok, now let's sing and worship God!"

## WORSHIP

**(VIDEO: I'm Gonna Tell, Important Things)**

Sing the worship songs together.

## INTRO SKETCH

**(Stuffed Ollie, Children's Book Activity Page- color copy on cardstock (a different book each week), Beginner's Bible and Story Box)**

*LGL brings the story box with the book, Bible and Ollie to the center of the room.*

"I have my story box ready. I'm SO excited to see what we are learning about God today. Let's see what I have in here..."

*Pull out the Ollie the Owl*

Who is this? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes, it's Ollie!! Everyone say 'Hi Ollie!' *(Pause)*

*Pull out the Children's Book.*

Oh wow, this is the Book Ollie was just reading! Show the kids the cover, have any of you ever read this book? *(Pause)* Yeah, I have too. Its a pretty good book! I really like (talk about something you enjoyed). Ollie has another book in here he's been reading....

*Pull out the Bible*

What book is this? *(pause for responses)* Yes, it's the Bible! The Bible is God's word and God's word is always true. And while this other book *(hold up children's book)* is good, and I do like reading it, I think the Bible is the BEST Book! Let's get ready to watch our Bible Story Video.

Let's click on our listening ears *(tug on each ear, one at a time, as you make a click, click sound)*, let's put on our looking eyes *(bring your hands, one at a time, to your eyes like binoculars as you say shook, shook)* and let's put our hands that have been move and praising Jesus quietly in our laps.

Now we are ready. Let's watch today's true Bible story."

## WATCH THE BIBLE STORY

(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY, BOTTOM LINE)

"Wow, what an amazing Bible story! Paul and Silas loved Jesus so much. They were put in jail for telling everyone that Jesus wants to be their friend forever. But even in jail, they knew God loved them, and they could pray to Him anytime and anywhere. When the jail doors opened, they stayed to tell the guard that God loves him too! Paul and Silas showed us we can talk to God anytime, anywhere, about anything.

When I ask, 'What does the Bible teach you?' I want you to say, **[Bottom Line] 'The Bible teaches me the BEST things!'** Are you ready? *(Pause for responses)*. 'What does the Bible teach you?' **[Bottom Line] 'The Bible teaches me the BEST things!'**

## SAY THE BASIC TRUTH

(CG: BASIC TRUTH SLIDE)

Let's look at our Basic Truth for today. It says, 'I am made for a purpose so I can tell others about God.'

## PRAY

"Let's get our hands ready to pray. *Open them close them, open them close them, give a little clap. Open them, close them, open them, close them, fold them in your lap.*

"Dear God, thank you for hearing us when we pray and talk to you. Help us remember that we can always talk to you—anytime, anywhere and about anything. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen."

## TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

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### ANYTIME, ANYWHERE, ANYTHING SENTENCES (4's/5's)

("Anytime, Anywhere, Anything" Activity Pages – 1 set/SG cut apart, "Anytime, Anywhere, Anything Sentences" Activity Page-1 page/ SG)

#### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Copy "Anytime, Anywhere, Anything" pages and "Anytime, Anywhere, Anything sentences" and cut apart.

*During the Activity:* Encourage children to build sentences of when, where, and what they can pray about.

*After the Activity:* Review the Bottom Line

#### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* "Friends, we are going to use these fun pictures to make some sentences!"

*During the Activity:* "Today we heard about Paul and Silas and how they prayed to God anytime and anywhere! Paul and Silas went around and told everyone that Jesus wanted to be their friend forever. This made some people so upset they put them in jail! And guess what, Paul and Silas prayed there too!!

Let's use these pictures to see when and where we can pray.

- Lay out the Sentence Strip- let the kids take turns drawing pictures from the three piles (anytime-circle, anywhere-square, and anything-triangle) and placing it on the Sentence Strip. Then read the sentence.
  - Kids should match the shapes to put the images in the right order.
- As a group you can pray for some of the things as well.
- Repeat.

*After the Activity:* "Some of those sentences were kind of silly, but that's ok! Paul and Silas knew they could pray and talk to God anytime, anywhere, and about anything! And we can too!! The Bible has God's words in it, and teaches us WE can talk to God anytime, anywhere, and about anything. **What does the Bible teach you? [Bottom Line] The Bible teaches me the best things!"**

### ANYTIME, ANYWHERE, ANYTHING (2's and 3's)

("Anytime, Anywhere, Anything" Activity Pages – 1 set/SG cut apart, "Praying Hands" Activity Page- 1 sheet/ SG, tape)

#### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Copy "Anytime, Anywhere, Anything" pages and write "I can Pray" on a large sheet of paper.

*During the Activity:* Encourage children to take turns sticking the anytime, anywhere, anything images to the I can Pray poster.

*After the Activity:* Review the Bottom Line

**What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* “Friends, we are going to use these fun pictures to make poster about some of the things we can pray about!”

*During the Activity:* “Today we heard about Paul and Silas and how they prayed to God anytime and anywhere! Paul and Silas went around and told everyone that Jesus wanted to be their friend forever. This made some people so upset they put them in jail! And guess what, Paul and Silas prayed there too!!

Let’s use these pictures to see when and where we can pray.

- Put all of the images in a pile (or in a bag/bucket)
- Let the kids take turns pulling out an image and sticking it to the poster.

*After the Activity:* “That poster looks awesome! Paul and Silas knew they could pray and talk to God anytime, anywhere, and about anything! And we can too!! The Bible has God’s words in it, and teaches us WE can talk to God anytime, anywhere, and about anything. **What does the Bible teach you? [Bottom Line] The Bible teaches me the best things!**”

## STORY RETELL COLORING SHEET (2’s-5’s)

( “Paul and Silas” Activity Page—1 set per child, front and back, Crayons)

**What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Copy “Paul and Silas”, one sheet per child.

*During the Activity:* Kids will trace lines to help retell the story.

*After the Activity:* Review the Bible Story and Prayer Take Home

**What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* “Hey everyone, now we are going to color and listen while we review the Bible Story.”

*During the Activity:* “Look at this side! (Prayer Challenge) This side is for you to do at home. This week, I want you to pray with your grown ups- anytime, anywhere, and about anything! But right now, we are going to do this side (Hold up the Story Review)

- Go through picture by picture and read the story review that goes with each picture as the kids color.
- **4s/5s-** Challenge: see if any of the kids can do the retell after you have done it as a group.

“Nice job! You did a great job coloring! Now you can help tell the story to your grown-ups when you go home.

- (Optional- if time allows) While kids are coloring, leaders help trace the kid’s hand on the Prayer Challenge side over the “I can pray anytime, anywhere, and about anything sentence at the bottom.

*After the Activity:* “Your pictures look awesome! I know your grown ups are going to love learning about Paul and Silas.





Remember, you can pray and talk to God anywhere and at anytime, just like Paul and Silas. The Bible has God's words in it, and teaches us WE can talk to God anytime, anywhere, and about anything. **What does the Bible teach you? [Bottom Line] The Bible teaches me the best things!"**

## MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS

(Memory Verse Motions Poster – 1 per group)

Say the memory verse using motions from the Memory Verse Motions poster. Repeat several times and encourage children for their efforts.

**'Your** (point up)

**word** (open hands like a book)

**is truth,'** (touch index finger to lips and then move forward away from mouth)

**John 17:17."** (Open hands like a book.)

## PRAY

"Let's pray together. (Have kids "put both hands up in the air, clap them together once [keep hands clasped], and then lower them down to their lap.")

"God, thank you for giving us the Bible to teach us what is true. Thank You that we can pray and talk to You anywhere and anytime. We love you, God. In Jesus' name, Amen."

## PARENT PICK UP ACTIVITY – READ THE STORY

(The Beginner's Bible)

### What You Do:

- Open the Beginner's Bible the Table of Contents. And let the kids pick a story to read while waiting for parents. (\*You can also let the kids pick based on the pictures in the Bible.)

## CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

(First Look Placemats - 1 per child)

Hand out placemats and encourage parents/influencers to review the Preschool lesson with their child this week.