

# LAKEPOINT KIDS

GR 1-4

WEEK 4

JANUARY 26 2025



## THEME

**Resilience:**

**Getting back up when something gets you down**



## BIBLE STORY

**Walking on Sunshine**

**Paul and Silas**

**Acts 16:16-40**



## BOTTOM LINE

**God Can Help You Choose Joy**



## MEMORY VERSE

**"Be strong, all you who put your hope in the Lord. Never give up."**

**Psalm 31:24, NIV**



## SOCIAL – INTENTIONAL CONNECTING (8:45/10:45)

**Leader Huddle** – please arrive at 8:45/10:45 where Rachel will connect with you in the FSR.

**Check In** – have two team members greet parents & children as they arrive at the check-in desk; have the other team member ensure that all the needed elements for productions are working properly (ex 'Is the sound board on? Is the video sound working on propresenter?') Be sure that one leader is ready to pick up the children by 9:23/11:23 in the auditorium.

## GATHER – BUILDING COMMUNITY

**Welcome**

**Review the Rules**

## GROUPS – INTERACTIVE LEARNING

**Theme/Bottom Line** - Rachel

**Upfront Activity - Oh Happy Day**

- We're going to pass out a marker, laminated page, wipe and kleenex to each kid. I'll ask them in stages to draw the happiest day they can image.

**Gym Time - Mazes**

- Kids can choose 3 different maze options. First, they can create a maze using lego and a marble. Second, they can create a maze using a marble, paper plate and straws. They simply cut up the straws and glue the pieces on in a maze format. Lastly, they can complete paper mazes at another table.

## STORY – FOCUSED TEACHING

**Bible Time** - \*We'll have 4 different slides - the first one will have all the words. Each time less words will appear until the 4th slide, when there are no words!

**Video Time** - Start @ The Story Lab \*Tech person find the starting point time



## **Intentional Question and Activity Time:**

\*Friends will work on a colouring/activity page AFTER the discussion has wrapped up.

- 'Let's talk about our story again. Who were the two people we talked about? *(Paul and Silas)*
- 'Paul and Silas went to a city called Philippi. Why did they go there?' *(To teach about Jesus)*
- 'Who suddenly began to follow Paul and Silas, creating problems for them?' *(A girl controlled by an evil spirit)*
- 'What did Paul eventually do?' *(He told the spirit to leave the girl alone, and she was healed)*
- 'Who did this upset?' *(The mean men who made money off the girl)*
- 'What did these mean men do?' *(They dragged Paul and Silas to the marketplace to the authorities and said that Paul and Silas were causing problems and telling people to disobey the laws)*
- 'What happened to Paul and Silas?' *(The city judges had them whipped and put in chains in jail)*
- 'What did Paul and Silas do late that night in jail?' *(They began to sing and praise and pray to God loudly)*
- 'Then what happened?' *(An earthquake struck, causing all the jail doors to swing wide open and the chains to fall off...all the prisoners could escape!)*
- 'When the jailer saw this, what did he do?' *(He was about to use his sword to hurt himself because he was afraid he'd get punished if the prisoners escaped)*
- 'What did Paul and Silas do when they saw this?' *(They told the jailer to stop. They reassured him that everyone was still there, no one had escaped)*
- 'What question did the jailer ask Paul and Silas?' *(What must I do to be saved?)*
- 'Paul and Silas told him what?' *(To believe in Jesus!)*
- 'Then what happened?' *(The jailer took Paul and Silas home to take care of them. Paul and Silas told his family about Jesus, and everyone there believed and were baptized. Then they celebrated and ate a meal together.)*
- 'The next day what did the city officials do?' *(They realized they made a mistake and told Paul and Silas they could go free. Paul and Silas demanded an apology from them)*

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- 'Who can remind us what the difference is between being happy and having joy?' (*Being happy depends on what's happening around you - your situation. Joy comes from what is happening inside of you, and if you have a relationship with Jesus, He's inside of you and can help you have joy no matter what is happening*)
- 'Paul and Silas had joy from Jesus in a very difficult time. You can too! But how does that work? How can Jesus give you joy when things are hard?' (*You can remember Jesus' truths - He loves you, He is with you, He can help you, He will make things right in the end, He can cause good things to come out of bad, that He hasn't forgotten you, etc*)
- 'Does the Bible tell us that if we love Jesus things will go easy for us?' (*No, instead it warns us we will have difficult times. But to be encouraged, because we've got Jesus with us!*)
- 'So, what are some things you can do when things are difficult?' (*Talk to God; worship God; ask for His help to experience joy, decide to trust Him, remember how He's helped you in the past, and how much He loves you, etc*)
- *\*Share an age-appropriate experience you went through that was difficult, but you were able to choose joy because of God.*
- 'Ask friends if there is anything in their life that is difficult that you can pray about for them.'
- PRAY that our friends continue to talk to God about their feelings and ask Him for help chasing joy in difficult times.
- *\*Offer to listen to anyone who would like to talk about their feelings while our friends colour, or even stay behind and chat with them after the group is dismissed.*

*\*Note to leaders: Sometimes, it can be difficult to talk about more abstract themes with some kids. If they are having trouble coming up with answers, you could try providing them with two options, one right and one clearly wrong. (Ex: What can you do when times are difficult? Should you talk to God or should you pack your bags and move far away from your problems?) Or you could provide clues. When talking about love, create a heart with your hands. When discussing prayer, fold your hands. When talking about happiness being by the things around us, use your hands to show 'around you' and point within when talking about joy being about what's on the inside. Or you could break things down further. When talking about God's truths, ask friends how God feels about them, what He promises to do for us, etc).*

