



FAMILY RESOURCE PAGE

THE STORY



CHAPTER 29 PAUL'S MISSION

DEVOTION 1 PRISON NO MORE

Today's reading: Page 213 through break on page 216

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.

DEVOTION 2 A TEACHER TO HELP

Today's reading: Break on page 216 through middle of page 220

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.

DEVOTION 3

OUR HELPER

Today's reading: Middle of page 220 through end of chapter

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.

NEXT WEEK'S PARENT VOLUNTEERS:

Brian & Jessica Allen
Mark & Kimberly Aussieker

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Summer Camps**

Registration begins Sunday, April 19 at 8:30am in Room 6 in the Kids Complex

- **Hume Lake**, entering 4th – 6th grade
June 7-13 | Offsite camp | Cost: \$575

- **Theme Days**, 2 years – Kindergarten
June 15-19 | 9 AM to Noon | Cost: \$45

- **Sports Camp**, 1st – 8th grade
June 15-19 | 9 AM to 12:15 PM | Cost: \$45

- **Adventure Week**, 2 years – Kindergarten
July 20-24 | 9 AM to Noon | Cost: \$45

- **Music Art Camp**, 1st – 8th grade
July 20-24 | 8:45 AM to 12:15 PM | Cost: \$65

MEMORY VERSES:

- **2 & 3 year olds**

John 3:16 | That whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

- **4 year olds & Kindergarten**

2 Corinthians 5:17 | Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

- **First & Second Grade**

Matthew 22:37-39 | Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

- **Third & Fourth Grade**

Colossians 3:12 | Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

- **Fifth & Sixth Grade**

Philippians 4:12-13 | I know what is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through (Christ) who gives me strength.