

# The Jailer at Philippi

Acts 16:16-40



To begin, choose readers and actors. You will need seven people: a narrator, Paul, Silas, two prisoners, a jailer, and a jailer's helper.

**Narrator:** Paul and Silas were in prison, but that did not stop them from telling people about Jesus. Paul and Silas prayed and sang to God while the other prisoners listened.

**Paul:** Dear Lord, please forgive these men for the wrong things they are doing. Help them to know that You love them and sent Jesus to be their Savior.

**Silas:** *(Singing)* Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him, all creatures here below!

**Narrator:** About midnight, there was an earthquake.

**Prisoner 1:** What's going on? It's an earthquake! Help!

**Prisoner 2:** Wait, the doors are opening! My chains fell off! It's a miracle!

**Narrator:** It's true. The prison doors opened. Every prisoner's chains fell off. The jailer woke up and saw that the doors were open. He was afraid that all the prisoners had escaped.

**Jailer:** Oh, no! The doors are open. The prisoners must have escaped. I'm in big trouble!

**Narrator:** The jailer was about to kill himself because losing prisoners was not allowed.

**Paul:** Stop! We are all here!

**Narrator:** This news surprised the jailer.

**Jailer:** *(To a helper)* Give me a torch! *(Runs into jail by Paul and Silas).* Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

**Paul:** Believe in the Lord Jesus! Then you will be saved, you and everyone in your house.

**Narrator:** The jailer invited Paul and Silas to his house. There he cleaned up their wounds. Paul and Silas told the jailer and his family all about Jesus. Everyone believed and was baptized. And the Gospel spread.

# Build Up Each Other in Love

Directions: What could you do to encourage the person in each picture? Put a sticker by each one. Some stickers may fit more than one place.



## Bible Words to Remember

[Jesus said,] “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.”

Mark 16:15

