



EARTHQUAKE IN PRISON



Acts 16:24 - 34

Some people did not like Paul and his friend Silas preaching about Jesus. One day, they were thrown into prison. But they were not worried. They knew God would take care of them.

That night, God sent an earthquake. It shook so hard that all the prison doors opened up and all the prisoners' chains fell off. The guard thought everyone had escaped. He was terrified!

Paul told the guard, "Do not worry. We are still here." The guard was amazed. He invited the two men to his house.

The guard and his family learned about Jesus and decided to follow him. The next day, Paul and Silas left to tell more people about Jesus.



Who helps you love others? God! Because God loves me I can love others.



PRESCHOOL



WELCOME

Prepare tables with the opening activities. Greet kids by name as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families.

TABLE #1 - Coloring sheet & crayons - - - **TABLE #2** - Build it up, shake it down - - - **Floor** - Blocks



INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

HEART EXCHANGE RELAY Create a dividing line with the painter's tape in the middle of the story area. Divide the preschoolers into teams and line them up one behind the other. Have the first preschooler in each line run and grab a heart from the basket at the opposite side of the space. They must race back and place their heart on the **MATCHING HEART** secured to the their teams table. **We will learn about how God helped Paul and Silas show love to the guard of the prison they were in. Let's listen to what happened.**



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Read the story from The Beginner's Bible, pages 494 - 499; or watch the story video from the jump drive on the TV.

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SONG

Lead preschoolers in singing one or more songs found in the August 2025 file.



PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Practice the key verse with preschoolers.

We love because God first loved us.
1 John 4:19

ACTIVITIES

BUILD IT UP, SHAKE IT DOWN

- Allow interested preschoolers to explore buoyancy with the toy boats. Add other water resistant toys to see what floats and what doesn't.
- **Paul sometimes would travel by boat to far away places so he could tell others about Jesus. Some people believed in Jesus but others did not. Paul was brave and kept sharing about Jesus' love for everyone.**

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OUTDOOR PLAY

If weather permits, allow preschoolers to enjoy the outdoor play area. Be sure to post a sign for parents/guardians.



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.

Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.