



# K-5TH GRADE PRODUCTION



Jan 26<sup>th</sup>

**Today's Bible Story:** Walking on Sunshine (Paul and Silas) • Acts 16:16-40

**Today's Bottom Line:** God can help you choose joy.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *Be strong, all you who put your hope in the LORD. Never give up. Psalm 31:24 (NIRV)*

**Monthly Virtue:** Resilience—Getting back up when something gets you down

**Basic Truth:** I can trust God no matter what.

9:00/10:45/12:30	<p>PC (HOST) takes the stage; encourages kids to begin clean up; hypes kids for Large Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Gives cue to Tech to begin 30 second monthly countdown</li> <li>■ ½ House Lights Remain UP until end of Bust Out</li> </ul>
9:03/10:48/12:33	<p><b>SFX: 30 Second Countdown</b> Bustout – PRAISE</p>
9:06/10:51/12:36	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Announcements</b> Boo-YAH!!</p>
9:10/10:55/12:40	<p><b>OPENER</b>  <b>HOST:</b> "Hello, my friends! You're here, I'm here, and it's a great day here at [name of your environment]."</p> <p>"This month we're talking about how God is with us through all the different seasons of our lives. And I don't just mean seasons like winter, spring, summer, and fall. I mean that God is with us when things are good . . . and God is with us when we face challenges too. God is there to help us when we feel sad, when we feel scared or worried, when we feel angry, AND when we feel happy! God helps us to be strong no matter what we're feeling.</p> <p>"Our Memory Verse for this month, Psalm 31:24, is a good reminder of that. Say it with me.</p> <p><b>SLIDE: Memory Verse</b></p> <p><b>KIDS and HOST:</b> <i>Be strong, all you who put your hope in the LORD. Never give up. (Psalm 31:24, NIRV)</i></p> <p><b>HOST:</b> "Great job! That's why we can be strong in every season: because <b>[Basic Truth]</b> we can trust God no matter what.</p> <p>"So far this month, we've done a spring game, a summer game, and a fall game. Today? It's all about the winter. The name of our game today is 'Snowball Scoop'!</p> <p><b>SLIDE: "Snowball Scoop"</b></p> <p>"Let's get two contestants from each side of the room. Raise your hand if you want to play!</p> <p><i>Pick two kids from each side to go on stage. (Be sure to pick kids from different parts of the room—not just up front.)</i></p>

*Have each pair of kids stand behind a table with the game supplies. The two large bowls should be on opposite sides of each table.*

*"Here's how 'Snowball Scoop' works. Each team has two bowls in front of them. One bowl is empty, and the other is full of weightless, fluffy (air quotes) 'snowballs.' (Hold up one of the cotton balls.)*

*"When I say 'go,' each contestant will use a spoon to pick up and carry as many snowballs as they can to their empty bowl—and they must do this while blindfolded! Keep in mind, these snowballs are almost weightless, so this will be really tough for our contestants. It'll be hard to tell whether the spoon is really full or not! Our teammates will work together, and whichever team gets the most snowballs in their bowl in one minute wins!*

*(To contestants) "Let's get you blindfolded.*

*Give each contestant a blindfold to put on. (It would be easiest if these could be sleep-mask style.) Then give each of them a large mixing spoon.*

*"Okay, I think we're ready! Be sure to cheer for your teammates, everyone. Ready, set, Snowball Scoop!*

**AUDIO:** *Fun, instrumental music*

**Optional Video (Media Package):** *Countdown (60-second version)*

*If you're not using an on-screen countdown, set a timer on your phone for 60 seconds.*

*Comment on the action as the kids play the game, encouraging the audience to cheer for their teammates.*

*When time's up, count the cotton balls in each team's "target bowl" and declare the winning team. Thank all contestants, collect their game supplies, and dismiss them to their seats.*

**SLIDE:** *Theme*

**Optional Video (Media Package):** *Theme Loop*

*"Wow—what an epic game! I'm so impressed with our contestants. They didn't give up, even when they couldn't tell whether what they were doing was working or not!*

*"Today we get to talk about at a really fun emotion: JOY. We have a story coming up about some guys who chose joy even in a tough situation. When we worship God, that's a way WE can choose joy. We can remember that God is good . . . God loves us . . . and God is always with us. Let's stand and get ready to sing!"*

9:15/11:00/12:45

## **WORSHIP**

*Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** *"Hi everyone! We've got some really fun songs to sing today. Let's celebrate God with all we've got as we sing this first one.*

**AUDIO:** *"My Life for You" / track 6 from Start the Party*

9:18/11:03/12:48

## **BIBLE STORY**

**SLIDE:** *Theme Background*

*Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.*

## SETTING UP THE STORY

**STORYTELLER:** "Hi, everyone! Today we're looking at a story from the book of Acts. (*Hold up Bible.*) This part of the Bible talks about the early days of the church . . . after Jesus died, came back to life, and then went back to heaven.

"In the book of Acts, we can read about people like Paul, who shared the good news about Jesus in all kinds of different places. Paul and his friends traveled around, starting churches and teaching people about the amazing things Jesus had done.

"On one of these trips, God called Paul and his friends to go across the sea to a place called Macedonia. They arrived at a city called Philippi. People came to Philippi from all over the world in order to trade their goods, which meant that people from all kinds of backgrounds lived there.

"A few people in Philippi worshipped the One True God, and Paul told them about Jesus! A woman named Lydia invited Paul and his companions to her home, and a new church in Philippi began.

"Now, as I continue the story today, I'll need someone who can help me add some sound effects.

*Reveal the sound effect button.*

"Anyone want to come up and help?"

*Choose a younger kid to come up and stand behind the button.*

*(To the kid)* "[Kid's name], when I give you the cue (*demonstrate a silly pointing motion*) . . . push that button for me, okay?"

## HEALING THE GIRL

**STORYTELLER:** "One day, as Paul and his friends were walking through the streets to go to a place where they could pray, a girl shouted out:

*Open the Bible to Acts 16:17 (NirV) and read.*

*"These men serve the Most High God. They are telling you how to be saved." (NirV)*

"That sounds like a good thing, right? I mean, it sounds like she was helping Paul and his friends to share their message about Jesus.

*Point to the kid to cue them to press the button.*

**AUDIO:** *Story Sound 1 (crowd cheer)*

"Well, unfortunately, that wasn't really the case.

*Point to the kid to cue them to press the button.*

**AUDIO:** *Story Sound 2 (sad trombone)*

"You see, what the girl SAID was true. But she was being controlled by a spirit that was not from God—and some businessmen were using her to make money for them. She kept doing this for days, shouting about Paul and his friends, over and over. Paul couldn't take it anymore! He commanded the spirit to come out of the girl in Jesus' name . . . and that's what happened. The evil spirit came out!

"The girl was healed! That's good news, right?"

*Point to the kid to cue them to press the button.*

**AUDIO: Story Sound 1 (crowd cheer)**

"Well, yes—it was good news for the girl, but bad news for Paul and his friend Silas.

*Point to the kid to cue them to press the button.*

**AUDIO: Story Sound 2 (sad trombone)**

"The men who had been using this girl to make money for them couldn't make money from her anymore. They were so angry that they dragged Paul and Silas to the marketplace to face the authorities.

"These men said that Paul and Silas were making trouble and trying to get people to do things that were against Roman law. The whole crowd joined in, and the city judges called for Paul and Silas to be whipped and thrown in prison!

*Point to the kid to cue them to press the button.*

**AUDIO: Story Sound 3 (prison door)**

### **I FEEL THE EARTH MOVE**

**STORYTELLER:** "Paul and Silas were now locked up, chained up by their feet, and they hadn't even done anything wrong.

"It would have been easy for them to lose all hope.

*Point to the kid to cue them to press the button.*

**AUDIO: Story Sound 4 ("Nooooooo")**

"But that's not what happened! Instead, Paul and Silas chose to trust God. Listen to this.

*Open the Bible to Acts 16:25 (NirV) and read.*

*About midnight Paul and Silas were praying. They were also singing hymns to God. (NirV)*

"Wow! Can you believe that? While Paul and Silas were stuck in prison, they chose to worship God together!

*Point to the kid to cue them to press the button.*

**AUDIO: Chorus of a worship song you just sang**

"As Paul and Silas sang, the other prisoners were listening. And then, suddenly, a powerful earthquake shook the prison!

*Point to the kid to cue them to press the button.*

**AUDIO: Story Sound 5 (earthquake)**

"Everyone's chains came loose, and the prison doors flew open. The jailer raced out to see the wide-open doors. It was his job to make sure the prisoners were under careful watch. If all the prisoners escaped, he would have been in BIG trouble.

*Point to the kid to cue them to press the button.*

**AUDIO: Story Sound 6 (dun-dun-dun)**

"But Paul called out:

*Open the Bible to Acts 16:28 (NirV) and read.*

*"Don't harm yourself! . . . We are all here!" (NirV)*

### **THE JAILER SAVED**

**STORYTELLER:** "The jailer heard Paul's shout and called for some lights. He rushed into the prison, and he asked Paul and Silas:

*Open the Bible to Acts 16:30-31 (NirV) and read.*

*"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"*

*They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus. Then you and everyone living in your house will be saved." (NirV)*

"The jailer knew that the God Paul and Silas worshipped must be the One True God. He brought Paul and Silas into his house so that he and his family could all hear the good news of Jesus. The jailer took care of Paul and Silas . . . and he and his family were baptized! The jailer also gave them a meal in his home.

*Point to the kid to cue them to press the button.*

**AUDIO: Story Sound 7 ("mmmm-mmmm")**

"That night, the jailer and his whole family were filled with joy, because they had become believers in God!

*Point to the kid to cue them to press the button.*

**AUDIO: Story Sound 1 (crowd cheer)**

"The next day, the judges who had thrown Paul and Silas in prison sent word that Paul and Silas should be released.

*Point to the kid to cue them to press the button.*

**AUDIO: Story Sound 1 (crowd cheer)**

"But Paul and Silas refused to go without an apology. Paul said that the judges should come and lead them out of prison. And that's what happened! The judges came to apologize. They brought Paul and Silas out of prison and asked them to leave the city of Philippi.

*(To the kid)* "Thank you, [kid's name], for your expert sound help. You can have a seat.

*Dismiss the kid to their seat.*

### **WRAPPING UP THE STORY**

**STORYTELLER:** "Before Paul and Silas left, they stopped at their friend Lydia's house. They encouraged all the believers there to continue to be brave as they followed Jesus. Then they left to continue sharing the news about Jesus.

"Even though Paul and Silas had been treated unfairly—lied about, hurt, and thrown

	<p>in prison—they chose to look to God and trust God to give them joy. In the middle of their darkest and scariest moments, they chose to worship God with joyful hearts.</p> <p>“Here’s what we need to remember today:</p> <p><b>SLIDE: Bottom Line</b></p> <p><b>[Bottom Line]</b> “God can help you choose joy. Say that with me.”</p> <p><b>STORYTELLER and KIDS:</b> <b>[Bottom Line]</b> “God can help you choose joy.”</p> <p><b>SLIDE: Theme</b> <b>Optional Video (Media Package): Theme Loop</b></p> <p>Let’s go ahead and talk to God about that right now.”</p> <p><b>PRAYER</b> <b>STORYTELLER:</b> “God, thank You for the joy You give us each day. Thank You for giving us a reason to always have joy because we have You in our lives. When we go through things that are challenging or confusing, help us to remember Your love for us. Give us the strength and resilience to be able to trust You—even when life is hard. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”</p> <p><i>Dismiss kids to their small groups.</i></p> <p><b>AUDIO: Play high-energy music as the kids exit.</b> <b>SLIDE: Theme</b> <b>Optional Video (Media Package): Theme Loop</b></p>
9:30/11:15/1:00	<p><b>WORSHIP LEADER:</b> “Worship helps us focus our hearts on God’s great love for us. As we sing, we remember what really matters and how God good is to us. Listen to what David wrote in Psalm 86:5-7: ‘<i>LORD, you are forgiving and good. You are full of love for all who call out to you. LORD, hear my prayer. Listen to my cry for mercy. When I’m in trouble, I will call out to you. And you will answer me.</i>’ (NlrV) Right now, let’s call out to God and say, ‘I have decided, I will depend on You.’ Let’s sing this.”</p> <p><b>AUDIO: “What I Choose” / track 8 from Make a Move</b> <b>Optional Video: “What I Choose” Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video</b></p>
9:34/11:19/1:04	<p><b>LANDING</b> <b>COMMUNICATOR:</b> So as you head to small group, think about this. . .” <b>CG: Bottom Line Slide</b> <b>[Bottom Line]</b> “God can help you choose JOY!” It’s time to talk more in Small Groups! Have fun!”</p>
9:35/11:20/1:05	<p><i>Kids to Small Groups</i> <b>SFX: Play fun music as the kids exit.</b></p>