

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

MAY 30, 2021

In Sunday School Today: Paul's Second Journey (Acts 15-18)

Memory Verse: There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12

Dear Parents,

Paul was back at the church of Antioch in Syria. The church had sent out Paul and Barnabas to preach the gospel to Jews and Gentiles in places like Lystra and Derbe. Then they returned to the church of Antioch. Some time passed, and Paul wanted to return to some of the cities he visited on his first journey to see how the new believers were doing.

Silas accompanied Paul on his second missionary journey, which is recorded in Acts 15:36–18:22. The pair traveled through Syria and Cilicia (suh LISH ih uh), encouraging believers and strengthening churches. The number of believers in the churches increased daily.

Paul and Silas obeyed the Lord's call to go to Macedonia. Two major events happened while Paul was in Macedonia. First, a woman named Lydia became a believer. Paul and Silas had gone to the river to pray. They spoke to the women at the river. God opened Lydia's heart to the good news of the gospel.

Then, a jailer became a believer. This happened when Paul and Silas were thrown into prison. Late at night, an earthquake rocked the prison. The prisoners could have escaped, but they stayed where they were. This was a huge relief to the jailer. Had the prisoners escaped, the jailer would have been punished. In fact, the jailer was ready to kill himself when Paul shouted, "We are all here!" The jailer asked Paul and Silas how to be saved. They told him, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved." The man believed and was baptized.

Emphasize the Christ connection as you review the Bible story with kids: Lydia, the jailer, and many others were saved because they heard the gospel and believed in Jesus. Paul and Silas preached the same message to all people, no matter who they were: "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved."

Lydia was saved and the jailer was saved because they believed in Jesus. Jesus offers us salvation as a gift. He did all the work to save us by dying on the cross. We do not need to earn salvation; we can receive it by repenting and trusting in Jesus.

Family Discussion Questions:

- Why do you think Paul and Silas worshiped God while they were in prison?
 - How can we worship God in hard times?

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COGS KidMin Team Needs Volunteers for the Summer

During the summer months, many of our very faithful leaders take some time off to recharge and go away with their families. With those absences, we have some gaps in our classrooms on Sunday mornings. If you would be willing to give a weekend or two in June to teach or help, please let June know ASAP.

June 5th/6th Pastor Al's Retirement Celebration!

We need children to sing next weekend! It will be one of our favorites—"My Lighthouse!" They know the words, they know the motions...and Pastor Al loves to hear them sing their hearts out.

We need a lot of children at the end of each service. Would you be able to come just for a few minutes Saturday evening (around 6:40pm), Sunday am (around 9:20am) and then again during Sunday School hour – they will come up from Sunday School to sing during the 9:45 service.) Please use the sign up genius to sign up for which services your children can participate in, so we know how many to expect for planning purposes! A huge thank you for blessing him in this way! Scan this QR code to access the sign up genius!



Pastor Al's retirement

As you know, Pastor Al will be retiring at the end of June. How has his time at Church of the Good Shepherd impacted you and your faith? Put it in writing: it can be a letter, a poem, a few pictures but **please use only ONE 8-1/2 x 11" page.** We will then compile those pages into a book to give him at his retirement.

Please email Abbie Burton your finished product or mail to church making it to my attention. **Must be submitted by TODAY!**

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SUMMER GAMES VBS 2021

Tuesday, July 6th—Friday, July 9th
6-8PM

Train, Compete, Reach the Goal

We are super excited about offering Summer Games VBS to our COGS Kids this summer! The planning has started and it's going to be a fun 4-nights.



We still need more people to help plan this event and to make this a safe but yet fun and memorable experience for our COGS Kids and community. We will even have an Olympian visit and share about her experience in the Olympics!

Registration is open via the Eventbrite link.

<https://cogssummervbs.eventbrite.com>

It will be a fun week with lots of games/competitions and some fun opening/closing ceremonies!

If you are interested in helping, please contact June Rose at momjcrose@gmail.com.

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