

Paul and Silas: Lesson 3

SuperTruth: We are saved by believing in Jesus.

SuperVerse: “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household.” Acts 16:31 (NLT)

Bible Story: Acts 16:1-34

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Lydia and the jailer heard the Good News from Paul and Silas. When they believed in the message, they were saved—and their entire households, too!

- Superbook takes Chris, Joy and Gizmo to Philippi, where Paul casts a demon from a fortune teller. He and Silas are arrested, beaten, and thrown in prison—yet still they praise God. They don't try to escape after an earthquake, knowing the jailer would be executed. Moved by their faith, the jailer is saved and baptized, along with his entire family.
- Let's watch the Signposts video to learn how Paul's ministry was a signpost to Christ, and how Jesus sets us free and gives us eternal life.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: Beach Ball Believing (15 minutes)

Objective: *Catch the Good News and take it to others.*

- Once we believe, we should pray daily for the Holy Spirit to direct us to others so they may catch the Good News and believe. In this game you will each have a chance to do just that!

Game Instructions:

Have two older players stand at the middle line facing the same direction at one end. The players with the beach balls shout “Catch the Good News!” and toss the ball to the first player on each team. The throwers in the middle then go to the back of their team line. The players catch the ball and shout, “I believe in Jesus!” Then they quickly walk to the middle line.

Teaching: No Longer Captives (15 minutes)

Objective: *The story of Paul and Silas points to freedom in Christ.*

- Jesus set people free from evil spirits. Jesus gave His authority to His disciples—giving them power over demons and evil spirits. Paul performed extraordinary miracles—by Spirit of God.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- The challenge is to pray for opportunities to share the Good News with others, and to give the link with the cross to a friend and watch the Salvation Poem together. Also, continue to memorize all three SuperVerses. Share the Good News as Paul and Silas did, so Jesus can set people free.

SuperVerse: Superbook Wave (5 minutes)

Objective: *Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.*

- Saul was completely changed when he met the Lord. Instead of persecuting believers in Christ, he began to preach about Jesus so others could be saved!
- Choose nine children to stand side by side facing the class. Scramble the SuperVerse cards and give one to each child. Have the rest of the class tell you which reader should be first, second, third, etc. Rearrange the nine children in that order and have them read their phrases again, creating a “wave” with their papers. Do this over again until the children are in the proper order.

Prayer: Believing Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: *Communicate with God.*

- Sometimes people complicate the way to salvation. They add religious rules that aren't in the Bible. God made the way to salvation simple enough for anyone to understand and respond.
- In our prayer today, I am going to give each of you a chance to receive Jesus as your Savior. If you already believe in Jesus, praise God! You can still repeat the words with us and rejoice!

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

Review Game: Play a game to review the Bible story. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Craft: Make a craft showing the power of Christ. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Puzzle Activity: Color and create a puzzle about Lydia. | **Grades 1–3** | 15 min

Bible Activity: Color and create a puzzle about Lydia. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

Game Materials

Needed:

- Two beach balls. For larger groups, add beach balls and create more teams
- Permanent marker
- Whiteboard and marker, or chalkboard and chalk
- Painters tape or masking tape
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

Teaching Materials

Needed:

- Three Signpost Cards
- Cardstock or paper
- Optional: tape
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App
- Iron Link Challenge Pattern for any children who missed the previous lessons
- Sample Discipleship Challenge Craft 1

SuperVerse Materials

Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker, or chalkboard and chalk
- Eraser
- Eight sheets of cardstock (or paper)
- Marker
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App