

Singing in Jail

Spring Unit 5:
Paul Tells About Jesus

Bible Verse:
“Jesus said: Go and tell the good news.”
Mark 16:15

God’s Word & Me (Bottom Line):
I can tell the good news that Jesus loves everyone!



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Acts 16:16-34



Paul and his friends traveled to different places to tell people about Jesus. One day Paul and his friend Silas went to the city of Philippi. They told people about Jesus. But some of the people in Philippi did not like hearing about Jesus. These men were **angry!** These men took Paul and Silas to the leaders. The men told lies about Paul and Silas. Even though Paul and Silas had done nothing wrong, they were put in jail! The jailer put their feet in pieces of wood called stocks. Paul and Silas could hardly even move!



Paul and Silas probably hurt all over! But they didn’t get mad at the jailer or the angry people. They knew God cared about them. So they prayed! They thanked God. Then Paul and Silas **sang!** They praised God. All the other people in jail could hear them!

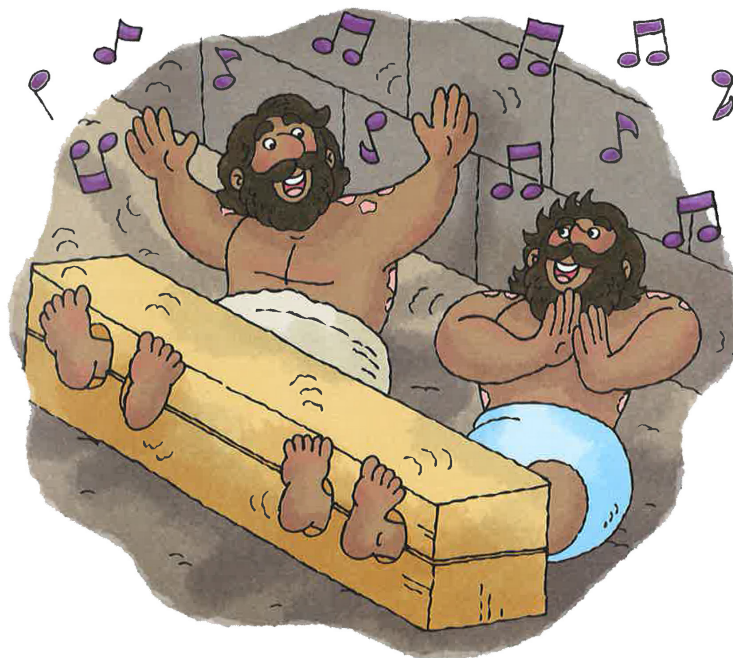


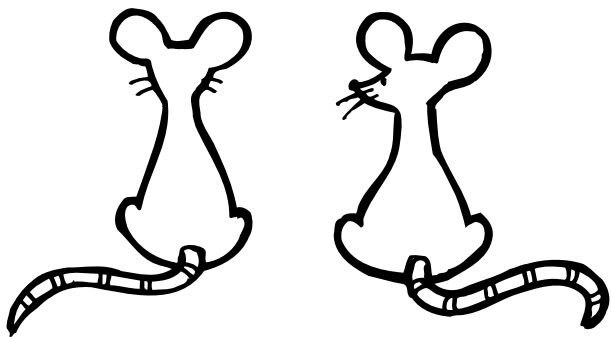
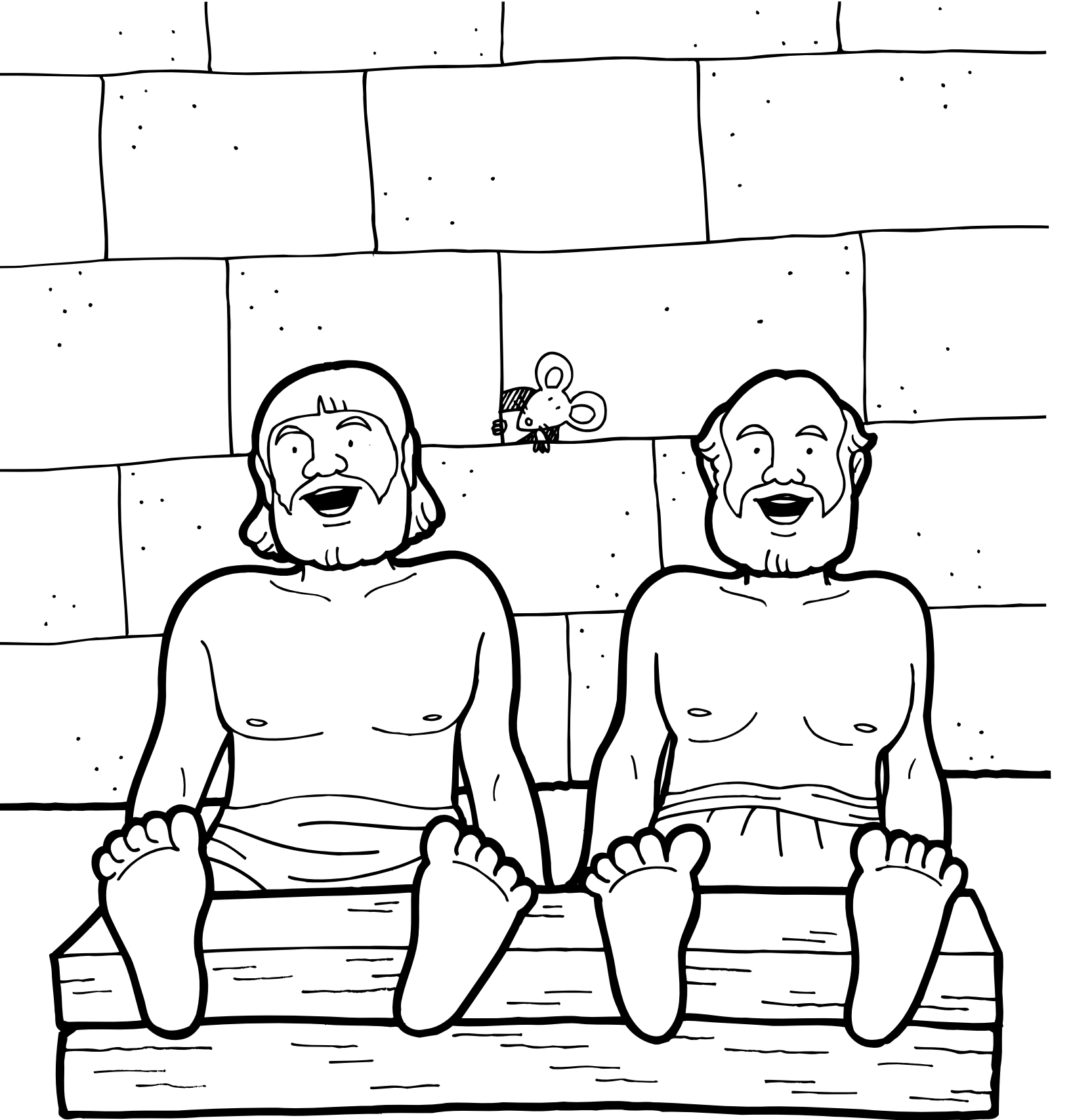
Suddenly the ground began to **shake**, harder and harder. It was an EARTHQUAKE! The doors to the jail broke open! The jailer was afraid all the prisoners would run away. He was sure that he would be in big trouble.



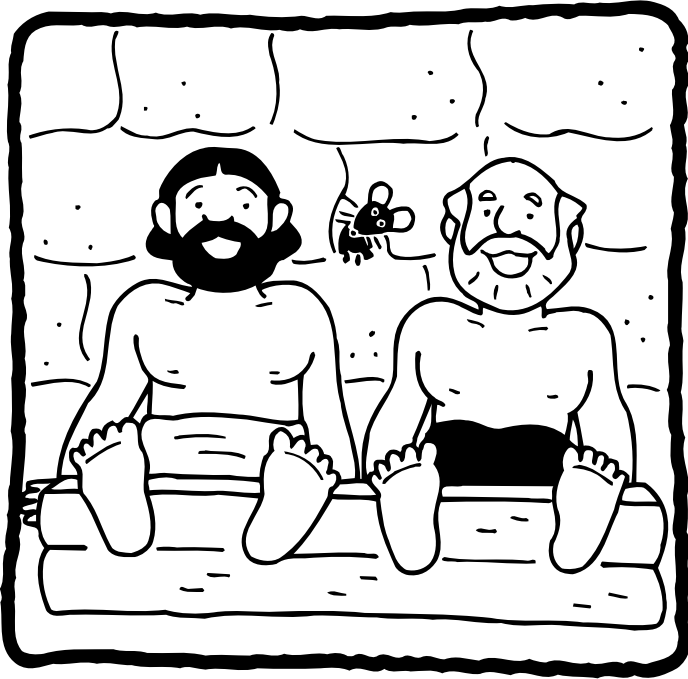
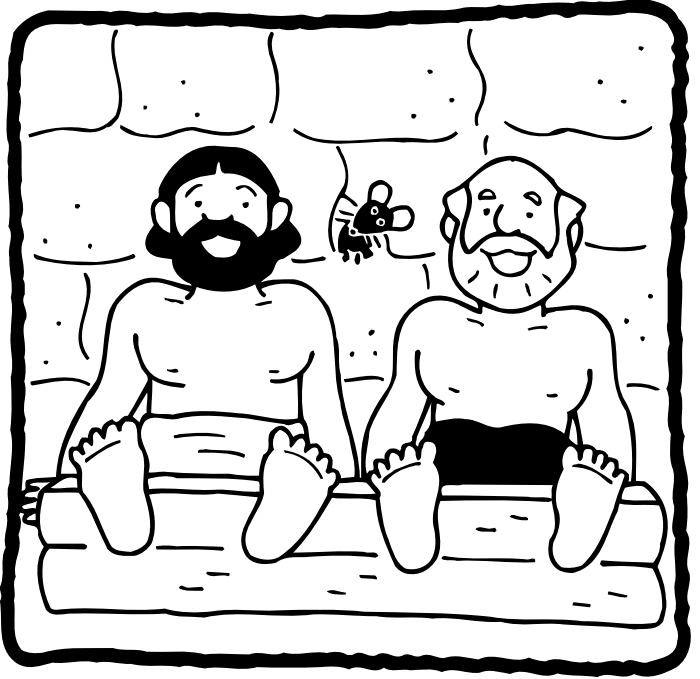
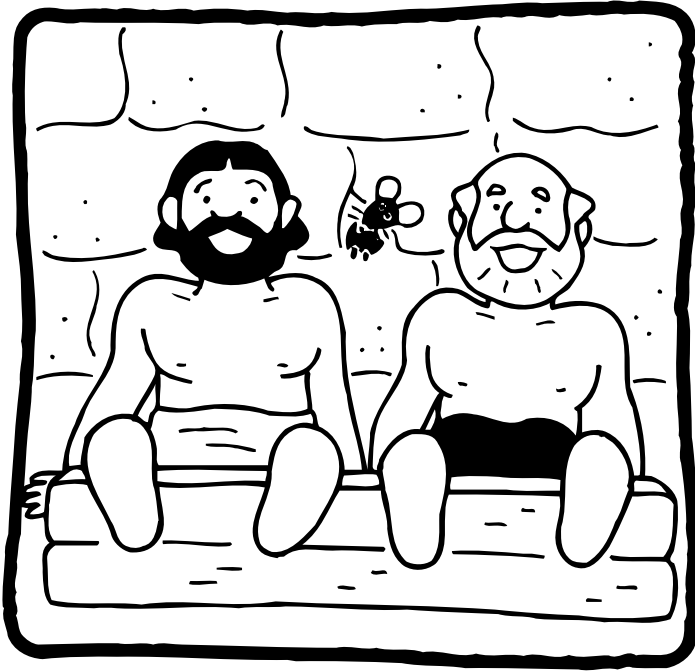
But Paul called out, “Don’t worry! We are all here!” The jailer ran to Paul and Silas. He asked, “What must I do to be saved?” Paul and Silas said, “Believe in Jesus!” The jailer and his whole family listened to the good news about Jesus. They believed in Jesus! The family took care of Paul and Silas. They made a big meal together!

In the morning, the leaders told Paul and Silas they were free to leave. Paul and Silas started **walking** to a new town. It was time to tell other people about Jesus! Paul and Silas told about Jesus by talking. They told about Jesus by praying. They told about Jesus by singing! Many people heard God’s good news about Jesus.





Look at the pictures of Paul and Silas singing in jail.
Color the 2 pictures that are exactly the same.



Paul and Silas sang songs to God and thanked Him. We can sing songs that tell about God and all He has done, too. The Bible says, "Sing to God; tell of all his wonderful acts." (See Psalm 105:2.)



Make up a song about God or sing a song you know about God.