



WEEK THREE – JANUARY 2026 – PRESCHOOL

Bible Story: *Paul and Silas | Acts 16:16-40*

Key Question: *What does the bible teach you?*

Bottom Line: *The Bible teaches me the best things.*

Memory Verse: *Your word is truth. (John 17:17, NIV)*

Basic Truth: *I can hear from God.*

Series Overview: Books are a gift because of what they can teach us, but there is one book that surpasses them all—the Bible! Jesus said, “Your word is truth” (John 17:17 NIV). That’s what the Bible is. It’s truth! The Bible is filled with God’s words, and all the best things God wants to teach us. [Bottom Line] The Bible teaches me the best things! Join us this month as we pray for our preschoolers to fall in love with the Bible and that they will see God’s Word as truth. That they will see the Bible as the place they can go to learn the best things in life, things like God made me, God loves me, and Jesus wants to be my friend forever. And that by the end of this month, they will know they can talk about God, hear from God, pray to God, and live for God, because those truly are the best things!

9:05 - 9:20 | 11:05 – 11:20 | EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITY

OPENING ACTIVITY

What You Need: “Anytime, Anywhere, Anything” Activity Page; “Anytime, Anywhere, Anything Sentence” Activity Page; Cardstock; 11-inch by 17-inch paper; Small, plastic bins, three per Small Group; Scissors

What You Do:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - Copy “Anytime, Anywhere, and Anything” on cardstock, one set per Small Group. Copy “Anytime, Anywhere, and Anything Sentence” on 11-inch x 17-inch paper and cut three strips per Small Group. Place the picture cards into three separate bins according to the type of picture.
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - Choose three volunteers (one for each pile). Each child picks a card from their assigned category (time, place, topic). Help them place the cards into the sentence strip. Read the sentence out loud with motions or voice changes to keep it fun! Repeat with different children and combinations so everyone gets a turn.
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - Introduce the Bible Story.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “We’re going to play a game where we build a sentence to learn something we can do anytime, anywhere, and about anything!”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*

- “There are three bins with different pictures. I need three helpers. (Call three children up to the table.) Let’s build our first sentence. [Child’s name], pick one card from the first bin and place it on this first blank. (Pause.)
Now [child’s name], pick a card from the second bin and place it on the second blank. (Point.) Great!
Now, [child’s name], pick a card from the third bin and place it on the third blank. (Pause.)
Fantastic! You just built a sentence! When I point to the picture you picked, tell me what it is. (Point to the words as you read.)
I can pray (Point to the first picture and pause for child to describe the picture.) [in the morning/at night] ...
(Point to the second picture and pause for child to describe the picture) at the [place] about ...
(Point to the last picture and pause for child to describe the picture.) [thing].
Thank you for building a great sentence! (Place cards back in the bins and mix them up.) Let’s have some other friends build one. (Call three different children and assign them to each bin. Continue until each child has a turn.)
That was so fun building sentences about when and where and what we can pray about.”

- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*

- “Do you know who else prayed anytime, anywhere, and about anything? Two of Jesus’ friends were named Paul and Silas! Let’s hear what happened when they prayed.”

9:20 - 9:50 | 11:20 – 11:50 – LARGE GROUP

Story Focus: The Bible teaches us that we can pray to God. Paul and Silas were sitting in a dark jail cell, and they began singing and praying to God! Paul and Silas knew that they could talk to God anytime, anywhere, about anything, so that’s what they did. They had no idea that their prayers would end up changing the life of the jailer who was guarding them as well as his entire family. They all ended up following Jesus! Paul and Silas

prayed to God, and we can pray to God, too.

9:50 – 10:10 | 11:50 – 12:10 – SMALL GROUP

PAUL & SILAS MOVE

[Talk About God | Bible Story Review]

What You Need: Memory Verse with Motions PDF

What You Do:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - Gather children around you in an open space of your activity area.
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - Retell the Bible Story and encourage the children to participate with fun motions.
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Friends, come over here with me. We are going to move our bodies and retell our true story from the Bible!”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Today, we heard a story about two friends of Jesus named Paul and Silas. Can you do the sign for “Friend” (hook index fingers together, one on top of the other, alternating fingers). Great job! Paul and Silas loved Jesus, and they told people everywhere that Jesus wanted to be their friend forever. Can you make the sign for “friend” again? (Hook index fingers together, one on top of the other, alternating fingers.) But one day, people got upset with them and put them in jail. Everyone sit down on the ground and make a sad face. (Sit down and make a sad face) Jail is not a fun place. But Paul and Silas knew that

they could pray and talk to God anytime and anywhere! Can you put your hands together like you are praying? (Make prayer hands.) One night while Paul and Silas were praying the ground began to shake! Everyone, shake your body! (Shake.) It was an earthquake! Everyone keep shaking! (Shake.) Great job, now freeze! (Stop shaking and stand still.) Then suddenly, the doors to the jail flew open! Everyone stand up! (Stand up.) But Paul and Silas didn't leave! Everyone sit down. (Sit down) Paul and Silas stayed and told the guard that Jesus loved HIM and wanted to be HIS friend forever, too! And guess what? That day the guard decided to follow Jesus and knew that he could pray and talk to God anytime and anywhere! Did you know that we can pray and talk to God too? It's true! We can pray to God anytime and anywhere!"

- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Great job everyone! Wasn't that a fun way to tell the Bible Story? The Bible teaches us that we can pray and talk to God anytime and anywhere! **[Bottom Line] The Bible teaches me the best things. What does the Bible teach you? [Bottom Line] The Bible teaches me the best things.**”

PRAYER TIME

[Live for God | Application Activity]

What You Need: Butcher Paper; Markers

What You Do:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - Create two large columns labeled: “Places I Go” and draw a little house or car next to it, and “Things I Can Talk to God About” and draw a speech bubble or heart next to it.
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - Ask children where are places they go, brainstorm common places like home, school, grandma's, doctor, car, etc. and write/draw those

down in the first column. Then ask what you can talk to God about? Prompt ideas like toys, feelings, friends, being scared, being thankful and write/draw those answers in the second column. Celebrate each idea!

- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Today, we’re going to think about all the places we go and all the things we can talk to God about. Are you ready to make a big list together?”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Friends, where are some places you like to go to? (Pause for answers.) Oh that’s a neat place. Let’s write/draw the [place]. What’s another one? (Continue adding different places children name.) That’s a great list! Let’s add to this column now. What are some things you can talk to God about? (Pause for answers.) Yes! You can talk to God about [name thing]—let’s add write/draw it on our paper. (Continue with each child.) God loves it when we talk to Him—anytime, anywhere, and about anything!”
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - “You all gave such great ideas! Paul and Silas knew they could pray and talk to God anytime, anywhere, and about anything too! The Bible has God’s words in it, and teaches us that WE can talk to God anytime, anywhere, and about anything too. **What does the Bible teach you? [Bottom Line] The Bible teaches me the best things.**”