

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: JULY 26

Bible Story: Paul and Silas in Prison *Acts 16:16-40*

Big Idea: Jesus changes everything

Focus: Jesus frees us

Memory Verse: "When anyone lives in Christ, the new creation has come. The old is gone! The new is here!" *2 Corinthians 5:17 (NirV)*

Bible Story Summary:

Read *Acts 16:16-40*, *John 8:32-36*, *Romans 8:1-2*, *1 Peter 2:16*

Paul and Silas were wrongfully thrown into prison. At midnight, Paul and Silas were singing to God. Suddenly, there was a great earthquake. Their chains fell away and all the prison doors opened. When the prison guard realized the prisoners had stayed in place, he listened to the Gospel. The guard and his whole household believed in Jesus and were baptized.

He Question: How is Jesus able to free us?

Because Jesus died on the cross and rose from the grave, He has power over all things, including sin and death.

We Question: Why do we need Jesus to free us?

We are slaves to sin. Jesus frees us from sin, shame, and guilt. He frees us from death and gives us eternal life.

Me Question: How is God inviting me to respond?

Kids will be given the opportunity to reflect on the truth they learned about God and respond accordingly.

Drive Time



While you are driving, turn the radio to a station that is pure static. Ask your child if this is enjoyable to listen to? Then flip to a perfectly clear station with a song they love. Explain that living in anger, selfishness, and guilt is like filling your mind with constant static. It keeps you trapped in a bad mood. Jesus clears up that signal. He died on the cross to forgive you of all your mistakes and deletes that static in your heart so you are free to hear His peace and be free!

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WEEK 4

God TIME

DAY 1

READ *2 Corinthians 5:17 (NirV)*

All month long you have been learning this verse. This is the last week so hopefully you know it well! With a pencil or pen write out the verse on a piece of paper. Grab a black crayon or marker. Begin by saying the verse a few times. Then choose one word and color over it so you can't see it. See if you can still say the verse. Continue coloring over words until you have no words left. Can you still say it?

What word did you choose to color over first?

What was the last word you colored over?

PRACTICE this verse so you remember that Jesus changes everything

DAY 2

READ *Romans 8:1-2 (NirV)*

You are working on typing up a story for school. You are almost finished when suddenly your hand slips and you accidentally erase the whole thing! You would probably feel really frustrated and mad at yourself. Just when you think you have to start over, you remember there is an UNDO button on the computer. You click it and everything comes back. Phew!

Everyday you make mistakes that you can't fix on your own. When you make those bad choices, a heavy and dark feeling can settle into your heart. You might feel guilt or even that you disappointed God. But Jesus died on the cross and became the ultimate "UNDO" button for you. He forgives you, deletes your mistakes, and completely sets you free!

Unscramble the phrase to remind you of his amazing love!

_____(JSSEU) _____ (vega) me His _____ (NIGAMAZ)

_____(VLOE). I am _____ (OCETMPYELL) _____ (ERFE)!

KNOW that Jesus frees us

DAY 3

READ Acts 16:25 (NirV)

Imagine being stuck in a dark, cold jail cell. Your feet are locked up and you drag around heavy chains. You can't play, run, or even stand up. This is what happened to Paul and Silas. This week you learned that they were put in prison for telling people about how much Jesus loved them. Paul and Silas could have been scared, angry, or even cried, but they didn't. They decided to sing songs of praise to God because they knew they belonged to Jesus. You can't remove those chains of sin on your own. When you let Jesus become your forever friend, He sets you free!

Draw a picture of Paul and Silas in jail praising Jesus

BE THANKFUL that Jesus frees us

HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your
completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

parent CUE:

We want to let you know that we have an amazing opportunity for you and your child. We are learning the importance of giving (tithing) in UpTown. For many years the kids in UpTown have been caring for children through Compassion International and Forgotten Children Worldwide. We are currently sponsoring a boy named John that lives in Tanzania and a girl named Akeelo that lives in Uganda.

Our support will provide John and Akeelo with:

- Food to combat malnutrition
- Health care and immunizations
- Education and income generating skills
- The Gospel message and spiritual guidance
- The love and support of the church staff

Every week during Studio24 and Clubhouse, your child will have the chance to give an offering to help sponsor John and Akeelo. We pray that you will partner with us in this. Learning to have a heart of generosity will help your child grow to have a heart like Jesus.

DAY 4

READ 1 Peter 2:16 (NirV)

Imagine your mom and dad surprised you by taking you to the ice cream shop and telling you to pick any flavor you want! You would be really happy right? Being free to choose is the best! But what if you used that freedom to do something mean? Like taking the ice cream cone from your brother/sister and smashing it on the floor.

This verse shares that Jesus makes us completely free! He sent His son to die on the cross for your bad choices. Having true freedom means you are free to be a helper. You have the choice on how you will use the freedom He gives you. Using kind words or sharing your ice cream when a friend drops their cone on accident are all examples of using your freedom to do good things for God.

Take a moment and pray. Thank Him for sending His son to die on the cross for your mistakes. Ask Him to help you to use that freedom to do kind things that bring Him glory.

PRAY and thank God that Jesus frees us

at a GLANCE



Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping

August 1-2	3rd Grade
August 8-9	2nd Grade
August 15-16	1st Grade
August 22-23	Kindergarten
August 29-30	4th Grade

Ways to Earn Bible Bucks

Bring a friend 1 Buck
Bring your Bible 1 Buck
Recite Bible Verse .. 1 Buck
Do your GodTime ... 5 Bucks
UpTown Challenge . 20 Bucks



Child's Name: _____