



**January 28**

**I am Secure**

**Kindergarten - 5th grade**

**Leader Notes**

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

**Bottom Line:** God controls the future.

**Leader Context:** The story of Paul and Silas in prison is such a good reminder that God controls our future. Paul and Silas had no idea what was going to happen, but they chose to worship God and trust Him. They were secure because God is in control.

**THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS:** Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus, and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

**Games and Music (10 minutes)**

**What You Need:** Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page

**What You Do:**

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

**Say:** That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

**Social**

**Bible Story Video (10 minutes)**

**Bible Story Recap- Say This**

Have you ever had something come up in your life and you weren't sure how it was going to turn out? Maybe you have had to move or start at a new school. Maybe you've had to show up at school or church without knowing anybody and didn't know what it would be like. Who has been through stuff like that? (Allow kids time to respond.) Kind of scary stuff about your future that you didn't really know how to handle? Yup! Me too! We all go through things like this sometimes and have no idea how they'll turn out. During times like these, it can feel like life is completely out of control.

But what we learned from the Bible story is that even if things about our future feel out of control or scary, we can be brave and confident because God is in control of our future. God has a plan for each of us. He knows who we are and who He made us to be. We can learn more about God and grow in our friendships with Him by reading our Bibles and talking to Him. Then, even when we're scared, God comforts us and reminds us that He's with us. That helps us remember that we are secure in Him.

Let's pray together. Remember prayer is listening and talking to God.

God, You know the future and You hold it in Your hands. Each of us can trust You and follow You, no matter what. Please help us know that we are always secure and that You are always with us. No matter what happens in the future, we can trust You. Amen.

The Bible tells us that we are secure in God, and that He controls the future. With God in control of the future, both our today and tomorrow are unshakable!

**Videos**

**Shake It! Change It! (20 minutes)****What You Need:** no supplies needed**What You Do:**

Today we are going to play a game called “Shake It, Change It” To play this game, everyone needs a partner. Find someone to pair up with and stand beside them by the time I get to zero. 5-4-3-2-1-0! Great job!

To start each round, I will say “Shake it!” and then everyone will say, “Change It” When you say, “Change It” you will begin moving around the room but away from your partner. As you mingle, listen for my commands. I will say a command like, “Back to back” or “pinky to pinky” When you hear the command, you must find your partner and follow the prompt as quickly as possible. Once all of you are back with your friends, I will start a new round by saying, “Shake It!” and you will say, “Change It!” and start moving around again. Are you ready to see if you and your friend are unshakable?”

*Note: Keep it going- give suggestions on how kids move around the space: hopping, skipping, walking backward, and so on.*

**Say:** “Was it ever challenging to find your partner in “Shake It, Change It?” Did you ever feel lost? *(Allow time for answers)* Sometimes we can feel lost and unsure of what our future holds. In today’s Bible story, we saw that even though Paul and Silas were in prison and didn’t know what the future held for them, they still worshiped God. They were secure in God, even though they didn’t know what would happen. They knew God controlled their future, so they had nothing to worry about. Even when our circumstances, or stuff going on around us, feels shaky and uncertain, God is unshakable. He controls our future, and He has a perfect plan for us.”

**Discussion Questions:**

- What seems like the most fun part of being a grown-up?*(Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer.)*
- What things can you do now to help you grow up to be healthy and strong?*(Allow kids time to share. Share your own experience.)* What kinds of things do you hope will be in your future?
- The Bible tells us we are secure in God and that He controls the future. Let’s open our Bibles to Acts 16:25-26 and read about it together. *(Invite kids to open up their Bibles. Read the passage aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.)* What is a word or sentence that stands out to you in this passage?
- A flashlight can help us remember that God always knows what’s in our future, even when we don’t. Paul and Silas had plans to share the gospel- which is the good news about Jesus! So it must have been scary when they found themselves in prison. But God knew just what would happen, and He had a plan, even for that scary time. Since God is in control of our future, how can that truth help us when things are hard or scary?*Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer. We can pray to Him; we can ask Him for help; we can trust Him; we tell Him about our fears and worries)*
- God sent His Son Jesus, to be with us always. When we follow Jesus, we can trust that He is in control of our future and will guide us along the way. What are some things that can help you trust Jesus more? *(Allow kids time answer and share your own answer. Read the Bible where God helped others; talk to older Christians who trust Jesus a lot.)*

**Prepare kids to talk with their family about what they learned today.**

- Pass out coloring pages for kids to take home.
- As family members arrive to pick up their kid, greet them and tell them one thing you noticed about their kid that day or something you talked to each kid about remembering this week.
- If there is time to chat with the family, ask how you can pray for them this week.
- Say bye to the kid and call them by name.