



## I Can Choose the Door of joy 1 year olds - 4 year olds

### Leader Notes

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

**Bottom Line:** I can choose the door of joy.

**Leader Context:** Paul and Silas took a tough situation and turned it into an opportunity to bring praise to God. We will all experience many trials in life that can leave us feeling sad and burdened. God calls us to choose joy in those situations and use them as an opportunity to trust Him and how He may be working.

**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.

### Social

#### Games and Music (10 minutes)

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

#### 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."

### Videos

#### Bible Story Video (5 minutes)

#### Transition to Teaching Video - Say This!

**How did Paul and Silas choose to have joy when they were in prison?** *They sang songs and prayed to God.*

**What did other people do when they saw Paul and Silas being joyful?** *They wanted to like Paul and Silas. They wanted to know more about God and have joy, too.*

In our video today there were so many things for Paul and Silas to celebrate, even the jailer has things to celebrate. It was Paul and Silas's response that helped the jailer believe in Jesus. Even though Paul and Silas were thrown in jail, they still chose joy.

This means they chose to worship God even though they were not happy and didn't like being in jail. Let's watch this video together to see how to choose joy even when we do not feel happy..

#### Teaching Video (10 minutes)

**Break the Chains (20 minutes)****What You Need:** chain printable (1 set per kid cut apart), tape/stapler**What You Do:**

- Give each kid set of paper chains.
- They are going to use the tape and stapler to make a chain they can wear.
- Help kids read the words on the chain as they put it together. "I can choose the door of joy!"
- Let's talk about ways we can show joy in any circumstance.
- Allow kids to wear their chains. Encourage them to wait to break the chains with their parents.

**Say:****Did Paul and Silas deserve to be in prison?** *No, they didn't break the law. All they had done was save a woman using God's miraculaous power.***What did Paul and Silas do in prison?** *They sang songs and thanked God. It's ok to tell God when you are sad, but worship is joyful! It's when we thank God and tell Him we love Him!***What should we do when we are sad?** *Choose joy. It's ok to be sad, but we can't let it ruin our whole day. When we choose joy it changes the way we treat other people.***Is joy the same as happiness?** *No! Joy is acutally different than happiness.**Happiness and sadness are based on how we feel about something that has happened, like if you win or lose a game you might be happy or sad. But joy is something you can always have if you are a believer... the joy of Christ. Even if you are sad, you recognize that things are okay because Jesus loves you.*

"Gus chose to be joyful even though he didn't win the pool floatie. He could have been angry or pouted but instead he chose joy and to have a good attitude even though he lost. Just like Gus, we can choose joy no matter what- even when we're not feeling happy! So the next time you're unhappy because you're hungry, bored, or even angry, remember that you can choose joy by worshiping God.

This week , remember you can choose joy no matter what we're feeling. Now let's pray together:

*"God, thank You for loving me so much! You care about me and the choices I make. Please help me to remember to choose joy even when I'm not feeling happy. I love you, Amen!"*

**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.