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## Story 4 - Paul and Silas in jail.

You can read this story in your Bible:

Acts  
16: 16-34



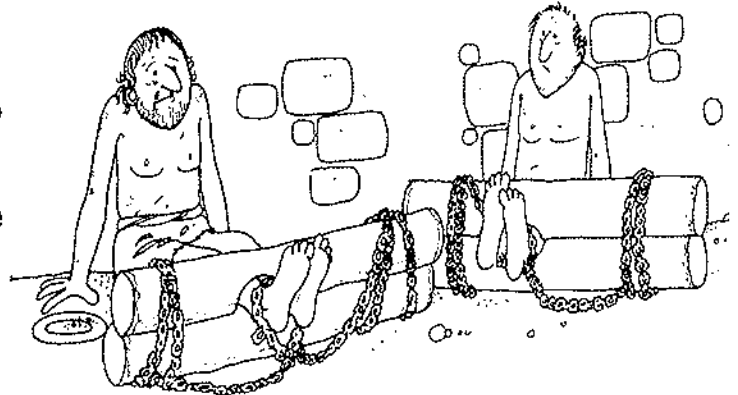
Acts 16: 31

Ask someone to help you find this verse.

I wonder if you've ever ended up in trouble when you were doing your best to be helpful? That's what happened to Paul and Silas.

One day in Philippi, they helped a slave girl, but her owners became very angry. They dragged Paul and Silas to the market place and told lies about them.

After a dreadful beating, they were thrown into jail. There the jailer left them, chained up with their feet locked in heavy blocks of wood called stocks.



If all of that happened to you, you probably wouldn't be feeling very cheerful! But at midnight, the other prisoners could hear Paul and Silas praying and singing hymns to God. Even though their backs were sore from the beating they had received, they still were able to praise God.

**Draw a line linking the beginning of each sentence with the correct ending. (Use a different colour for each one!)**

Paul and Silas

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They were given

they were singing.

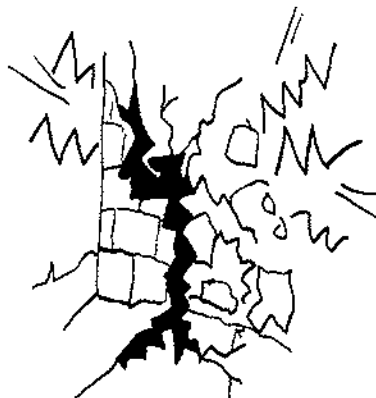
Next they were thrown

helped a slave girl.

At midnight

into jail.

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Suddenly there was another sound. Everything rattled and shook - doors opened and chains fell off. It was an earthquake!

At once the jailer awoke, jumped up and noticed all the doors were open. That was the worst thing that could ever happen - all the prisoners would escape and he would be blamed! He felt so worried that he took his sword and was just about to kill himself.

“Don’t harm yourself”, shouted Paul, “we’re all here.” The jailer called for a light and rushed in to Paul and Silas.

“What must I do to be saved?” he asked. He wasn’t asking to be saved from the earthquake, which had frightened him and made him think about his life. He knew he was a sinner. He also knew he needed to be saved from the punishment he deserved for his sin.

Paul and Silas replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.”

**What answer did Paul and Silas give the jailer about how he could be saved? Cross out the two answers which are wrong:-**

**Pray to God three times a day.**

**Believe in the Lord Jesus.**

**Attend the synagogue.**

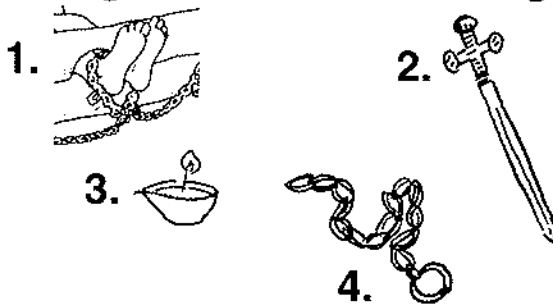
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Paul and Silas explained to the jailer and his family that Jesus died on the cross in their place. Soon they all willingly believed in the Lord Jesus.

The jailer bathed the sore places where Paul and Silas had been beaten. He took them to his house and gave them a meal. Then all the people in the jailer’s family were baptized.



**These four things are mentioned in the story. Fill in the letters which are missing from the words in the grid.**



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What a happy night it was for that family - a night they would remember for the rest of their lives. Have you believed in the Lord Jesus? Are you saved?

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