

# Lock-Down Sunday School – A 4-week series about Trusting God

*Do whatever you want to make this work for you – feel free to use your own ideas/resources, change around the order, or skip things entirely.*

*Option 1 – Sunday School – use this as a normal Sunday School lesson, on Sunday morning (or whenever) – doing one thing from each category will take about 30minutes to an hour and half (or longer) depending on which things you choose to do.*

*Option 2 – Everyday Devotional – do a little everyday – break down the story into smaller chunks to focus on each day. Pick an activity or two to do each day. I recommend spending a few days learning the Bible verse & songs, if you're using those options.*

## **Week 4- Paul & Silas (Stuck in Jail)**

### **Worship Time**

Continue to learn these songs from last week, or sing your favourite worship tunes:

I'm Trusting You - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0VDpHibftHs>

I Will Trust in You - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TIJU3te81Dg>

### **Lesson**

#### Under 5s

- Read the story of Paul & Silas from a children's Bible (Beginner's Bible calls it "Earthquake in Prison")
- Questions:
  - Why did people put Paul and Silas into jail?
  - Why weren't Paul and Silas worried?
  - How did God rescue Paul and Silas?

#### Over-5s

- Story Options:
  - Read it from the Bible – Acts 16:16-40 – have everyone who is able read parts
  - Read it from a kids' Bible
  - Watch the funny version – (2mins)  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5t\\_3BuseTS0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5t_3BuseTS0)
  - Watch the more serious version – (2mins)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jtV2PV9n3cY>
  - Watch a more 'lesson-y' version – (2mins)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z7qcHEDjk6w>

- Questions (use the ones that fit your child's understanding):
  - Why were Paul and Silas arrested?
  - Why do you think Paul and Silas sang and prayed in jail?
  - Do you think it was easy to praise God in jail rather than complain and feel sad?
  - How can we show the same trust in God & good attitude during lockdown?
  - What would you have done after the earthquake opened the doors?
  - What was your favourite part of the story?
  - What surprised you about this story?
  - Do you have any questions?
  
- Other Story Ideas (if you're telling it multiple times during the week)
  - Any of the ideas from the previous weeks will work, or...
  - Build a jail & read the story inside it, once you get to the part where they sing, have a worship time. Afterwards open the jail doors and tell the rest of the story
  - Try your hand at stop motion videos – and retell the story with lego, playdough, toys, or yourselves. Find stop motion tips here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ppedXZHhE0>. I used Stop Motion Studio (found in the google play store) to make my stop motion movie. This is a good activity if you're wanting to keep older kids occupied for an hour or two. Make sure to share your movies!

### **Activities – do as many or as few as you want**

#### Memory Verse:

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path.

#### Ways to Learn it:

- With one of these cool songs:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FUR1ufexry0> or

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t\\_zUJC4aAJc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t_zUJC4aAJc)

- Say the memory verse together in different voices – let everyone have a turn choosing what kind of voice to use. Try squeaky, deep, posh, whispering, shouting, or whatever your imagination comes up with
- You might want to only do half the verse if you think your child will struggle with learning the whole thing at once.

- If your family is already confident with Prov 3:5-6, find a new one together – google ‘Bible verses about Trust’ if you need some ideas

### Prayer Time:

- Make a ‘prayer chain’ - write things you are grateful for, praises to God, or prayer requests on strips of paper. Staple or tape them together in a paper chain
- Spend some time praying for the persecuted church – here are some resources:
  - o List of countries where it’s hardest to be Christian + pray points - <https://www.opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution/world-watch-list/> or <https://www.kidsofcourage.com/?cat=15>
  - o <https://www.kidsofcourage.com/?p=14684> and <https://barnabasfund.org/en/praying-for-the-persecuted-church/children> – prayer points

### Crafts:

(all templates & instructions are on our pinterest page, along with more ideas. Visit: <https://www.pinterest.nz/craftsitter/kids-ministry-at-home/>)

- Make some simple chains for pretend play – You can find an instructional video here – they’re basic enough for little kids: <https://www.pinterest.nz/pin/313492824066008975/>
- Make JOY! Bracelets to remind yourselves to be joyful in all circumstances – these are made from felt: <http://wildlivecrafts.blogspot.com/2009/04/joy-felt-cuffs.html>, or you can use paper, beads, or whatever else you have on hand
- Here is a picture to print & colour, then add string as ‘jail bars’ <http://ididityoudoit.blogspot.com/2015/03/peter-in-jail.html?m=1>

### Games/Playtime:

- Set up a jail area – then take turns capturing each other and escaping
- Turn the above pretend play game into a game of jail tag for older kids – those tagged must go to jail and wait to be rescued by another player
- Have a praise party - turn the music up LOUD and dance & sing