

The Salvation of a Family

This 5-day devotional guide is based on Acts 16:16-35 and will help you prepare your heart for the upcoming Sunday sermon, "The Salvation of a Family." This may also be used as a guide for family devotions and is for the week ending Saturday, June 21. We'll have visiting guests and families with us this Sunday due to Soccer Camp, so please pray that this sermon will make a gospel difference in their lives.

Monday

Scripture: Acts 16:16-18

Questions for Reflection

- What was the slave girl doing, and why did it trouble Paul?
- How did Paul respond to her persistent cries?
- When have you faced a situation that required spiritual discernment?
- How can you rely on God's power when confronting evil influences today?

Questions for Children

- Who was following Paul and Silas?
- What did Paul do to help her?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, give us wisdom and courage to stand against evil and trust in Your power. Amen.

Tuesday

Scripture: Acts 16:19-24

Questions for Reflection

- Why were Paul and Silas seized and beaten?
- What does this teach us about the cost of following Jesus?
- How do you respond when obedience to God brings hardship?
- What helps you stay faithful when facing opposition for your faith?

Questions for Children

- What happened to Paul and Silas after they helped the girl?
- Where were they put?

Prayer Prompt

Father, strengthen us to remain faithful even when following You is hard, painful, or costly. Amen.

Wednesday

Scripture: Acts 16:25-28

Questions for Reflection

- What were Paul and Silas doing at midnight in prison?
- What happened while they were praying and singing?
- How can worship change your perspective in difficult times?
- What does this passage teach you about God's presence in suffering?

Questions for Children

- What did Paul and Silas do while in jail?
- What happened when the earthquake came?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, help us praise You in every circumstance and trust Your power to work for good. Amen.

Thursday

Scripture: Acts 16:29-32

Questions for Reflection

- How did the jailer respond after the earthquake?
- What does it mean to "believe in the Lord Jesus"?
- How does this passage show the simplicity and power of the gospel?
- Who in your life needs to hear the message: "Believe in the Lord Jesus"?

Questions for Children

- What did the jailer ask Paul and Silas?
- What was their answer?

Prayer Prompt

Gracious God, thank You that salvation is found in Jesus alone. Help us share this good news boldly. May everyone in our family believe on Jesus Christ for salvation. Amen.

Friday

Scripture: Acts 16:33-35

Questions for Reflection

- What actions show the jailer's faith after he believed?
- How did his life and household change because of the gospel?
- What evidence of transformation has God worked in your life?
- How can your home reflect the joy and hope of salvation this week?

Questions for Children

- What did the jailer do for Paul and Silas after he believed?
- Was the jailer happy after he trusted Jesus?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, thank You for saving us and changing our lives. May our homes be filled with Your joy. Amen.