

First Look | January 18

Today's Bible Story: Paul and Silas • Acts 16:16-40

I can pray to God.

Key Question: What does the Bible teach you?

Bottom Line: The Bible teaches me the best things.

Memory Verse: "Your word is truth" (John 17:17 NIV).

1. Pray Anytime

What You Need:

- ☐ "Pray Anytime" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Stickers
- ☐ Markers or crayons
- ☐ Self-adhesive VELCRO® dots
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Permanent marker



What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Pray Anytime" on cardstock and cut one per child. Write each child's name on their cutout.

During the Activity: Encourage children to color their watch cutouts. Measure the band around each child's wrist and cut the non-buckle end to size. Adhere the bumpy side of the VELCRO® to the front side of the band on the cut end and the smooth side of the VELCRO® to the back side of the buckle end. Help children put on their watches.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends! Come sit with me at the table. Let's make a watch today. Do you know what a watch is? (Pause.) A watch is something you wear on your wrist that helps you know what time it is."

During the Activity: "Use the markers to decorate your watch. (Pause.) Super! Let's measure it around your wrist. (Cut as needed and add the adhesive dots.) Now your watch is ready to wear! (Help put each child's watch on.) Your watch can help you remember that you can pray and talk to God anywhere and at any time, just like Paul and Silas."

After the Activity: "In our Bible Story, Paul and Silas chose to stay at the jail to tell the guard that God loves him and that Jesus wants to be his friend forever. Then the guard decided to love God and follow Jesus, too. We can pray to God anytime, anywhere, and about anything,

just like Paul and Silas! The Bible has God's words in it, and it teaches us the BEST things! **What does the Bible teach you? [Bottom Line] The Bible teaches me the best things."**

2. Pray

Dear God, thank You for giving us the Bible to teach us what is true. Thank You that we can pray and talk to You anywhere. We love you, God. In Jesus' name, Amen."