

God's Plan in Suffering

The true story can be found in Acts 16:16-40

Discover

Why were Paul and Silas put in prison? (16:16-17, 19-21)

Circle all the correct answers.

They freed a girl from an evil spirit

The girl's owners wanted money

They caused a riot

They were preaching the gospel

They were fortune-telling

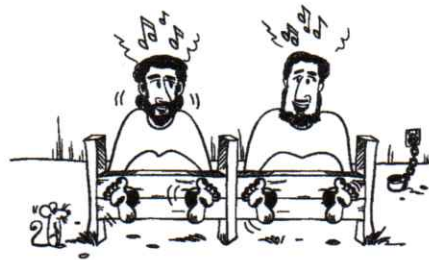
What else did the Philippians do to them? (16:22-24)

They had Paul and Silas s _____, b _____,
severely flogged and put in the s _____.



Think Spot

Was this fair? Had Paul and Silas done anything wrong?



What happened while they were in prison? (16:25-26, 29-30)

Put the events in order by numbering them from 1 to 4.

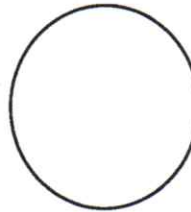
- ___ There was a violent earthquake.
- ___ The jailer asked how he could be saved.
- ___ Paul and Silas prayed and sang songs of praise to God.
- ___ The doors opened and the prisoners' chains fell off.

How did they answer the jailer's question? (16:31)

B _____ in the Lord J _____ and you will be saved.

How did the jailer respond? (16:34)

Draw a face in the circle to show how he felt.



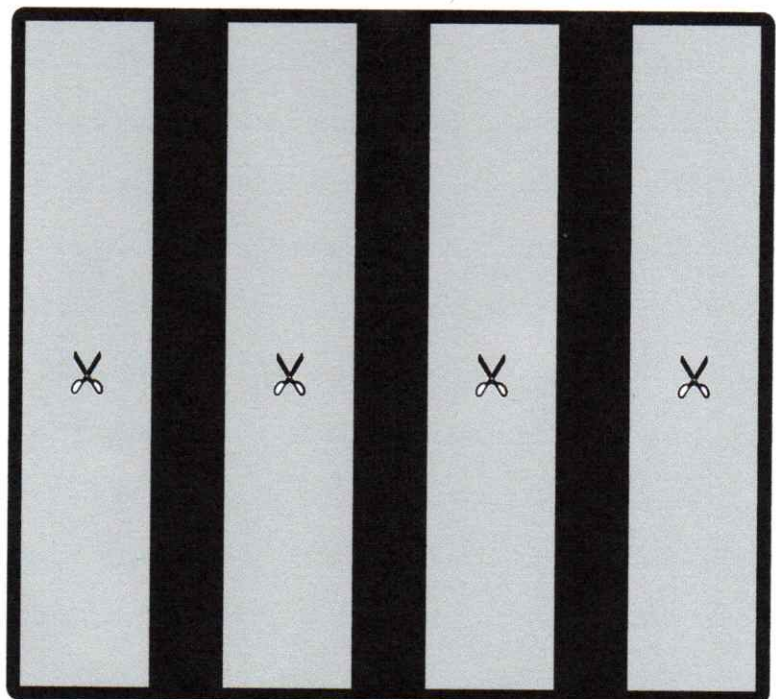
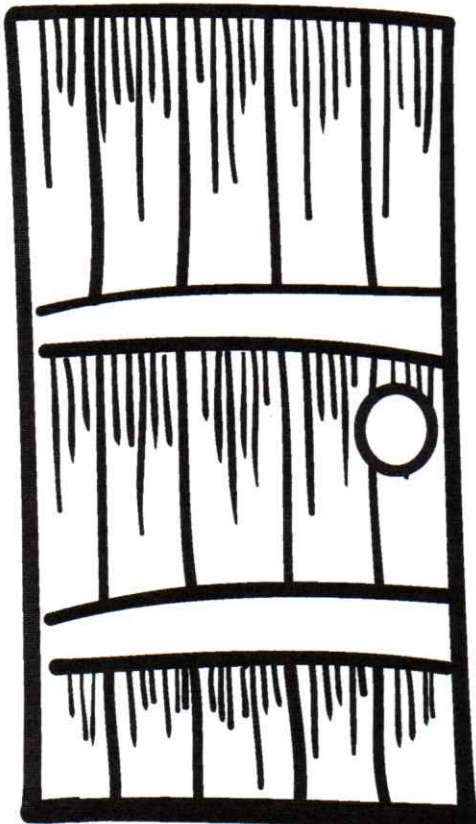
Discuss

How did Paul and Silas' being put in prison affect their preaching? How did they respond? Is this surprising? How should we respond to hardship? How did God use this situation for good? How else would the jailer have heard about Jesus? What can we learn about God from this passage? Do you find this a comfort? Why/why not?



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