

# Paul & Silas in Jail



Paul and Silas were believers in Christ who spent their lives preaching about Jesus and helping people. In one city the mob was angry at them for helping a slave girl. The slave girl made lots of money for her owner and now she couldn't, so the mob was upset and the town judges ordered

Paul and Silas to be beaten and go to jail.

Paul and Silas had a reputation, so the jail keeper spent extra time making sure the jail was locked and even put their feet in chains. This had to be very painful because of the beating they received earlier.



But despite their dreary situation, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns. The other prisoners were confused because people weren't usually joyful in prison. Even the jailor was touched by Paul and Silas' response to being in jail.



Suddenly there was a great earthquake and the prison was shaken to its foundation. The doors of the cells open and the chains fell off every prisoner. The jailor saw this and was ready to hurt himself because he thought all the prisoners had escaped and he would have been put to death

if that happened.

But everyone stayed in their cells, no one escaped.

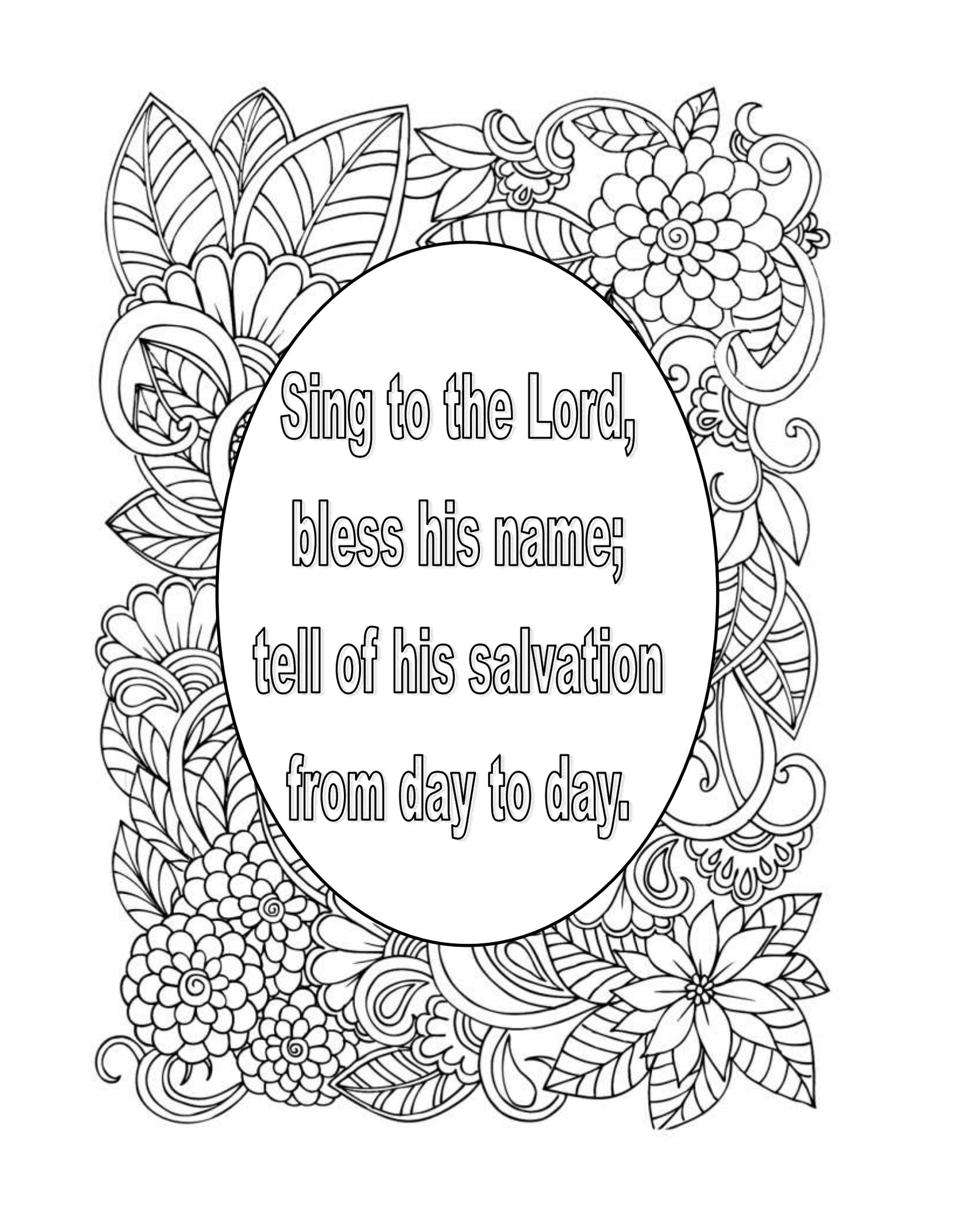
The jailor was shocked and knew it was Paul and Silas' example that made the difference. He bowed down before them and thanked them. Then he asked, "What must I do to be saved?" Paul told him to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ

The jailor believed and his wife and children were baptized. He invited Paul and Silas home and they took the jailor's family all rejoiced because of what they lived their lives to



whole family too. He invited them into his house and in turn they were baptized. They were all rejoiced because of what God had done and they pleased God.





Sing to the Lord,  
bless his name;  
tell of his salvation  
from day to day.

## Digging In Questions

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### Choose True or False for each statement

1. Paul and Silas made everyone happy when they went into a new town.
2. The jailor was very relaxed in his job and kept all the jail cells open.
3. Paul and Silas had an easy time in prison, they had comfy chairs and nice food to eat.
4. Paul and Silas complained while they were in prison and did not bother to pray out to God.
5. While Paul and Silas were in prison a big tidal wave came and flooded out their cells.
6. The jailor did not like Paul and Silas and wanted nothing to do with their God.

### **Things to think about**

1. What are some songs you could sing that would help you focus on God in hard times?

2. Here are some encouraging verses from the Bible. Read them through and check any that are really special to you.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Philippians 4:19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Isaiah 40:31 but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Deuteronomy 31:8 It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed!

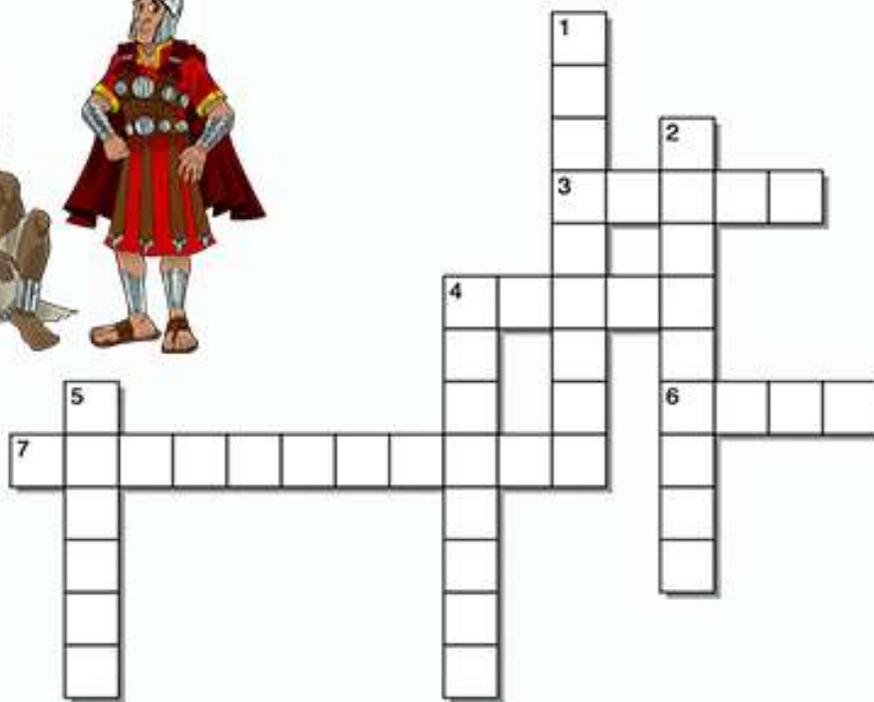
Answers to the Questions:

They are all false

# Bible Pathway Adventures

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### ACROSS

- 3) "They \_\_\_\_ the word of God to him and everyone in his house." (Acts 16:32 ESV)
- 4) "The doors were opened and everyone's \_\_\_\_ were unfastened." (Acts 16:26 ESV)
- 6) "Paul cried out, "Do not \_\_\_\_ yourself for we are all here." (Acts 16:28 ESV)
- 7) "The \_\_\_\_ have sent to let you go. Therefore come out now and go in peace." (Acts 16:36 ESV)

### DOWN

- 1) "About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to Yah (God), and the \_\_\_\_ were listening to them.." (Acts 16:25 ESV)
- 2) "He rejoiced along with his entire \_\_\_\_ that he had believed in God." (Acts 16:24 ESV)
- 4) "Paul took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was \_\_\_\_ at once, he and all his family." (Acts 16:33 ESV)
- 5) "The \_\_\_\_ called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas." (Acts 16:29 ESV)

**Sing it  
Air Band  
Style**

**Every  
Other  
Word**

**Sing  
It  
Fast**

**Sing it  
while  
jumping  
up and down**

**Hum  
The  
Song**

**Sing  
It  
Slow**

**Sing  
Opera  
Style**

**Sing  
like a  
Rockstar**

**Sing  
With  
Feelings**

**Sing  
It  
Quietly**

**Sing  
Standing  
Up**

**Sing  
It  
Loud**

## **Directions for Singing Game:**

Grab a friend or family member to play with you.

Choose a song to sing.

Roll a dice and starting with the top left square count the number on the dice.

Sing your chosen song in the way it suggests on the game board.

Switch up the songs as much as you like.

Have a ton of fun singing and being silly.