

## Bonus Teaching Hour

### PAUL'S JOY IN PRISON

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** Philippians 1:12-30

**KEY PASSAGE:** Philippians 1:21

**MAIN POINT:** God is always with us.



#### TRANSITION: MAKE A JOY COLLAGE

Provide paper plates, precut images from magazines, smiley face stickers, and other craft supplies. Assist toddlers as they glue images to their plate. Write the Main Point on the back of each plate.

**SAY: GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US.** Going to prison for telling people about Jesus may not seem like a good plan for Paul, but God's plans for us are always good. Paul loved Jesus most of all.



#### WORK AS A TEAM

Provide a parachute or a bedsheet for toddlers to hold onto together. Make waves with the sheet. Briefly review the story.

**SAY:** You made waves with your friends. Paul was happy to tell about Jesus. Paul trusted God's plan. **GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US.**



#### PLAY WITH LOCKS

Gather old door knobs, padlocks and keys, and padlocks with combinations (to twist only). You may also provide a lock-and-latch board for toddlers to explore, but cover small parts with duct tape.

Invite toddlers to explore the locks as you tell the story.

**SAY:** Paul was locked in prison, but Paul was happy to tell about Jesus. **GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US.**

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church's security procedures. Give parents today's big picture card to reinforce today's Bible story, Main Point, or Gospel Gems throughout the week.