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# Midnight Singing in Jail

*Craft Ideas about Paul and Silas  
Singing in Jail from Acts 16:16-34.*

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Singing in Shackles with an Earthquake Jailbreak!

Craft Ideas for Paul and Silas

The story of Paul and Silas in jail is an encouraging reminder that God is always with us, and we never know how He might work in and through our lives! Paul and Silas rejoiced and sang, even in a hard circumstance, and their chains were broken as a result! We can make a joyful noise to the Lord and know He hears us, even if we don't always feel joyful. These crafts remind children of the story and the importance of music. A 3-D scene uses paper and puppets to re-create the story. "Shaker Shackles" serve as fun noise-making tools that also feature chains to reflect on the tale from Acts 16.

## **Bible Verses or Craft Captions to Consider... (Acts 16:16-34)**

*About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them... Acts 16:25*

*Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God. -Acts 16:34*

*Even in chains... I can make a joyful noise!*

*Paul and Silas sang songs in the night... so can I!*

*Earthquake and jail break! Paul and Silas gave prayer and praise.*

## **More Teaching Ideas on Paul and Silas in prison**

- Watch the [children's sermon video](#) and [Bible crafts ideas for this lesson](#)
- Compare our full [Sunday School lesson on Acts 16:16-34](#)
- Compare another [Bible Object lesson](#) on [Paul and Silas in Jail](#)
- Read [scripture quotes and Bible verses about singing](#)

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## Craft one: "Paul and Silas Jail Break"

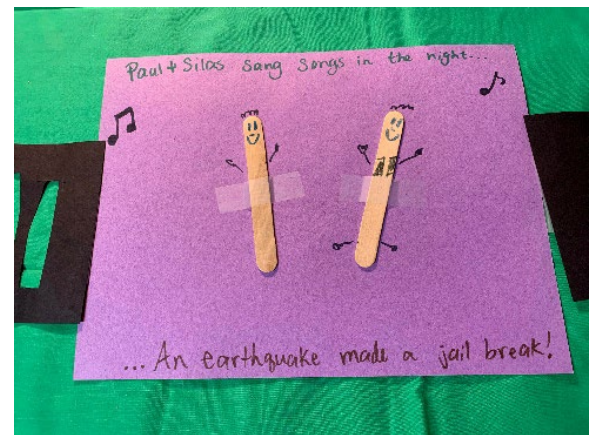
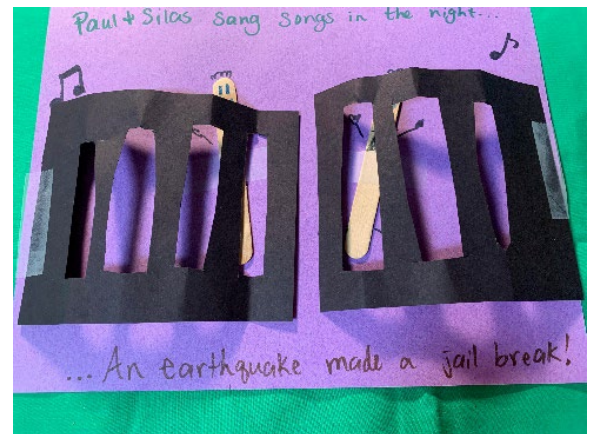
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### You will need:

- Construction paper or cardstock
- Crayons or markers
- Popsicle sticks (any size)
- Stapler (optional)
- Scissors
- Glue or tape

### Procedure:

1. If using the popsicle sticks as puppets, decorate and add "human" features.
2. Cut "jail cell doors" out of paper.
3. Place verses, captions, and decorations on paper. Add popsicle sticks, if using.
4. Attach jail cell "doors" over the featured puppets. Hang and enjoy!



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## Craft Two: "Shaker Shackles"

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### You will need:

- Construction Paper or cardstock
- Paper towel tubes
- Rubber bands
- Stickers and decorative supplies
- Scissors
- Dry beans, beads, or pasta noodles
- Markers or crayons



### Procedure:

1. Decorate paper towel tubes (cut in pieces) with verses, captions, and stickers.
2. Fill tube pieces with beads, dried pasta, or rice.
3. Cover each end of the tubes with foil or paper and secure tightly with rubber bands and/or tape.
4. Cut strips of paper out of cardstock or construction paper. Option: include prayers or praises on the strips.
5. Staple the strips together as "chains." Attach to the shaker tubes for the noisemaker element. Wear or shake the shackles to recount the story!



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