



Life Changer – Lesson 3

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:17 "Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"

Key Point: Only God can change our hearts and lives.

Bible Verse: Acts 16:22–34

SCHEDULE:

Center Time

around 10 minutes

Help the individuals transition by actively engaging them from the beginning. Try setting up centers to color, play with blocks and Play-Doh, or do puzzles.

Memory Verse

Use the Memory Verse page and images to go over the memory verse by placing them in the correct order on the board (personal or pocket chart).

Activity/Coloring Sheet (optional)

Big Group Time (optional)

Lesson

- Read through the lesson below. For a shortened version, just read the bolded words.
- Within the lesson, there are numbers that correspond to the story point pictures. For example, (1) corresponds to the first story point and picture, and so on.
- Allow individuals to place pictures on the board (personal or pocket chart) in sequential order.
- Key Point
- Use the review questions to check for understanding.

Video (optional)

Repeat Key Point & Memory Verse

Use the activities below for repetition of the story points, key points, and memory verse.

- Act out the Story.
- Bean Bag Toss: restate part of the story, memory verse, or key point when tossing.
- Hangman: play hangman using key points or parts of the story.

Activity/Coloring Sheet (optional)

Five Finger Gospel (optional)

LESSON:

This is a story from Acts 16 in the Bible. **After Paul leaves** the town of **Antioch**, **he begins traveling with** a man named **Silas** (1). Everywhere Paul and Silas go, people stop to listen to the Good News about Jesus. Some **people become** very angry at **Paul and Silas for talking about Jesus and put them in jail** (2). **They put Paul and Silas deep inside the prison and chain them to the walls by their feet so they cannot get away** (3). Soldiers stand and guard the jail to make sure they do not escape.

Paul and Silas pray and sing praises to God (4). Paul and Silas know God is with them and that God is powerful enough to save them. As they are singing, **all of a sudden, there is a great earthquake** (5)! **God makes all of the doors come open and everyone's chains fall off** (6)!

The prison guard wakes up and sees the doors open. He **is afraid because he thinks Paul and Silas have run away** (7). Paul calls out to him in a loud voice and says, “We are all here!” **The prison guard** calls for some light and **rushes in to see that Paul and Silas have not run away** (8).

The guard is shaking in fear, and he falls down in front of Paul and Silas. He asks them what he needs to do to be saved. **Paul and Silas tell the guard and his whole family about believing in Jesus. They all believe in Jesus and are baptized** (9). God changes the guard’s heart and life. **He becomes kind to Paul and Silas and washes their wounds and gives them something to eat** (10).

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Review Questions

Group A	Group B
Who does Paul start traveling with? (Silas)	Why were Paul and Silas captured and put in jail? (They were telling others about Jesus.)
Do Paul and Silas get arrested and end up in jail? (Yes)	What did Paul and Silas do when they were put in prison? (They prayed and sang praises to God.)
What do Paul and Silas do in Jail? (Pray & Sing)	What happened when Paul and Silas were singing praises to God? (An earthquake came and opened all the doors and made everyone's chains fall off.)
Who makes all the doors come open after the earthquake? (God)	What did the guard do when he saw that Paul and Silas were still there? (He asked what he must do to be saved and believed in Jesus and his life was changed.)
Who is scared that Paul and Silas have run away? (Guard)	
Did Paul and Silas run away? (No)	