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1. Paul immediately set out telling others about Jesus after his conversion. But a dramatic conversion is not required to share the Gospel! Whatever your experience, what are ways you can share Jesus in your daily life?
2. Paul and the early missionaries experienced opposition everywhere they went. Have you encountered people in your life that disagree with or try to discount your faith? How do you handle those situations?
3. Throughout his letters, Paul warns Christians about temptation and encourages them to withstand and flee from it. Find the NLT translation of Romans 12:2 in your Bible or online. Think about behaviors of the world that you should resist copying and ways that you can allow God to change the way you think and act.



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Do Together:

As a family, review what Jesus told his followers just before he ascended into heaven. He told them to go into all the world and tell everyone the good news of the Gospel: his life, death, and resurrection. Paul and Silas were among the first missionaries to carry out Jesus' instructions. They traveled to far away countries telling Jesus' story, but they also preached in their local towns, like Jerusalem. You have probably heard many stories of missionaries in other countries; Oak Hills Church sponsors several mission trips around the world every year! But it is just as important to spread the Good News right here in our own neighborhoods. Use the following questions to discuss the story and missions with your family.

Talk About:

1. Paul and Silas worshiped God even when they were in jail! Are there times in your life when it is hard to worship God? What are some ways you can worship Him even when it is difficult?
2. Paul and Silas didn't run away when the earthquake opened their jail cell. How do you think the jailor felt when he found them still inside?
3. Read about foreign missions at www.oakhillschurch.com/shorttermmissions.

Pray Together:

Heavenly Father, thank you for making Paul and Silas brave enough to follow your instructions. Please give us courage to tell others about Jesus and to worship you even when it is difficult. Amen!

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