

people. Who will print their names? P-A-U-L and S-I-L-A-S.

Review—Where had they traveled with the Word of God? How were they invited to go to Macedonia? (Recall Lesson.)

Lesson—Here is Philippi. Here is a young slave girl who has an evil spirit, which enables her to "tell fortunes", and thus bring much money to her owners. She has heard Paul and Silas preaching, and believes that they are servants of the most high God, and day after day she goes about the streets calling out these words, v. 17. Paul was able, through the power of God, to drive away the evil spirit, v. 18. Describe the anger of the owners of the slave girl against Paul and Silas, when the girl could no longer earn money for them. Picture them going to the magistrates and having Paul and Silas brought before them in the market place, vs. 19-24. This is why we find these good men in prison. Describe the locked door, the chains, the stocks (outline: see Exposition). Are they sad and downhearted? Ah! if we could have listened at the keyhole of the great door of that dark prison, we should have heard, what? Crying and moaning? No! "At midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God", v. 25.

The Earthquake—Perhaps the children know what an earthquake is? Describe the opening of the prison.

The Philippian Jailer—Up jumps the jailer. What shall he do? He will be punished for going to sleep and letting the prisoners get away! He draws his sword to kill himself. Out of the darkness he hears Paul's voice, "Do thyself no harm: for we are all here!" The jailer gets a light, goes into the dark room and brings Paul and Silas out. He knows that they are really messengers of God, and that God has used the earthquake to set them free. He says, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

Golden Text—Print Paul's reply to the Philippian jailer (repeat). In this way Paul carried the Word of God into that prison. Continue the story, vs. 32-40. There is only one way to be saved. The Philippian jailer, the boys and girls in China, etc., the boys and girls in Canada, in your own town—all must believe in Jesus, pray to Him and work for Him.

Bible Outline—On the paper Bible outline print, THE PHILIPPIAN JAILER BELIEVED THE WORD OF GOD.

Something to Think About—Believing in Jesus will save me.

FROM THE PLATFORM

BODIES IN PRISON SOULS

Begin by questioning out what led to the imprisonment of Paul and Silas, and their condition while IN PRISON (Print). What part of them alone could be put in prison and made fast in the stocks? Their BODIES (Print), the scholars will readily answer. How did they show that their SOULS (Print) were free? The answer is found in their praying and singing praises at midnight. But there were other prisoners besides the apostles. Their bodies, too, were in prison. What about their souls? A little questioning will bring out that these were also in prison,—in the power of Satan. Turn now to the jailer. Was his body in prison? No, but his soul was. Now ask by whose power the bodies that had been in prison were set free. Could that same power set souls free, too? Yes, this was proved in the case of the jailer. Press home the truth that we need to be set free from sin, and that God can and will do this for us.