



Messy Church at Home

Paul and Silas in Lockdown!!

Messy Church is back again for 2021! Enjoy some family time together! Our Messy Church team thought this an appropriate title after our lockdown year of 2020.

When Paul and Silas were in chains, bruised and battered from beatings, they still had the courage to sing praises out loud to God.

Below is the Biblical narrative with a space for the kids to make a loud noise to simulate the sound of an earthquake. It would be great if maybe parents or older children could read out the story to the family with the children on the ready for their part to play in the drama.

Acts 16:23-28 NLT

23 They were severely beaten, and then they were thrown into prison. The jailer was ordered to make sure they didn't escape. 24 So the jailer put them into the inner dungeon and clamped their feet in the stocks.

25 Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. 26 Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake,

and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off!

27 The jailer woke up to see the prison doors wide open. He assumed the prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword to kill himself. 28 But Paul shouted to him, "Stop! Don't kill yourself! We are all here!"

A great activity before the reading would be to make some simple percussion instruments, The sky is the limit in terms of imagination- clapping hands, stomping feet, banging a plastic ice cream container, shaking a plastic bottle containing some rice, or lentils or chick peas.....etc.etc..

