# Teaching guide - Preschool & Usn

#### **Monthly Theme: Wild West Faith**

"Have faith in God." Mark 11:22

#### LESSON - Faith Helps Others Tool

Saddle up, Victory Kids! Today, we're going to hear a story about a man named Paul, whose life was changed by Jesus and his faith helped others too. There was a man named Paul. A long time ago, Paul didn't believe in Jesus at first and wasn't kind to Jesus' friends. But then he heard Jesus' voice and everything changed! Paul chose to follow Jesus and help others know Him too. One day, Paul met a lady, and she wanted to learn about Jesus. Paul told her all about Jesus, how Jesus is God's Son and loves us very much. She believed and got baptized with her family.

**SAY IT:** I can tell others about Jesus! (Later, Paul and his friend Silas were in a dark and lonely place. But do you know what they did? They sang happy songs to God! They praised Him even when things felt scary because they trusted God was with them.)

DO IT: Can you put your hands in the air and worship God?

**SAY IT:** I can worship God anytime! (Then something WOW happened! The ground went rumble-rumble and shook the whole building The doors opened, and the chains on Paul and Silas just popped off! God was right there helping them. When the guard saw this, he said, "I want to be friends with Jesus too!")

DO IT: Can you stoop your feet?

SAY IT: Can you say, rumble-rumble?

**DO & SAY IT:** Now let's do them both together (stoop feet while saying rumble-rumble)

(Paul didn't quit. He kept going, even when life was hard. He kept telling people about Jesus. He prayed, and stayed strong in his faith. At the end of his life, Paul said, "I have kept the faith!" That means he didn't give up, and he helped lots of people believe in Jesus too.)

SAY IT: I will keep the faith!

SAY IT: I will share Jesus!

**PRAYER:** Dear Jesus, thank You for loving us and helping us grow in our faith. Help us be brave to tell others about Jesus, to sing and pray even when life is hard, and to keep going and never give up. We love You, and we want to follow You every day. Help us to trust You, pray to You, and be brave, even when things are hard. We love You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

### LESSOD QUESTIONS - 10 MINS

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Question 1: Did Jesus change Paul's life? (Yes)

Question 2: Did Paul and Silas sing and pray in jail? (Yes)

Question 3: Did God make the building go rumble-rumble? (Yes)

Question 4: Can you tell others about Jesus? (Yes)

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Question 1: Who did Paul tell about Jesus? The Lady

Question 2: What did Paul and Silas do? They healed people, they told people about Jesus, Prayed and sang songs.

Question 3: What can we do to help others know Jesus? Tell them about Him, sing, and pray.

Question 4: Who helped Paul be strong and keep going? God.

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#### ACTIVITY 1: FAITH HUDTELS

Items Needed: Fake gems, baskets

**Connection:** Just like they did in the Old West, even like Paul they sought out people to share their faith with. This week we are going hunting. Grab a partner and get ready to look for hidden gems.

**Step 1:** Before the game starts, hide gems all around the room in obvious spots for the students.

Step 2: Pair students into groups of two. Give them one basket per group.

**Step 3:** On the count of three, each group will go around and look for treasure. Have the teacher monitor the classroom. Ensuring each group finds at least three gems

Step 4: Once all gems are found, the game is over.

## **ACTIVITY 2: BUCKET OF FAITH**

**Items Needed:** 3-5 buckets labeled with faith phrases, beanbags, masking tape to mark drawing line, (Faith phrases - "God is with me!", "Jesus is the Good News!", "I can praise Him anytime!", "I can help others know Jesus!", "I will finish strong!"

**Connection:** "Bucket of Faith" is our way to practice aiming our faith truths into the right "targets. Our faith requires us to remember God's word, share the truth with others, and finish strong.

Step 1: Line up the buckets in a row, slightly spaced apart, at increasing distances from the throw line.

Step 2: Label each bucket with a faith-themed truth or phrase

**Step 3:** Let each child take turns tossing beanbags into the buckets.

Step 4: After a successful toss, have them say the phrase aloud (or repeat after you).

# **ACTIVITY 3: BUBBLE PARTY**

Items Needed: Bubbles and music!

We've got some extra time today, so let's spend it worshipping and dancing with bubbles!

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Items Needed: Paul & Silas Hanging Sign Foam Craft Kit

**Step 1:** Distribute craft kits to students **Step 2:** Assist students when needed.

# COLORIDG SHEET: PAUL ADD SILAS COLOPIDG SHEET

Items Needed: Coloring sheet and crayons.

Connection: Paul and Silas sang praises and were freed

**Step 1:** Distribute the coloring sheets and allow time to color.

