

# SUMMER FRIENDSHIP GATHERINGS

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### OBJECT LESSON, DAY 2 – Power of Praise

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- The theme for this summer is, “**UNSHAKABLE!**”
- **Object Lesson – Day 2:** In this object lesson we will demonstrate that prayer and praising God is powerful!

#### Supplies:

- **Paper chains** – Connection Ministries will supply materials for making paper chains. Chains can be made on Days 1 and 2 before the Gathering begins. Our friends may make more chains than needed for the object lesson. If that is the case they can be used to decorate the small group, or large group areas.
- **Two chairs, for Paul and Silas to sit in.**
- **Leader will pick friends beforehand to play the part of Paul and Silas, the Jailer and a few other friends to be other prisoners (Optional).**

#### Object Lesson Script

- **The Jailer will lead Paul and Silas to sit in the chairs and wrap paper chains around their hands and the other prisoners.**
- **PP 10>** “The Bible says that around midnight, Paul and Silas focused on praying and singing hymns to God—the other prisoners were listening!”

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- “What do you think Paul and Silas sang about?” **(Invite a few friends to answer this question.)** “Yes, the good news of Jesus Christ!”
- We can know this good news too! Jesus tells us in *John 3:16* **“God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life.”**”
- “This is the good news Paul and Silas were sharing with the people of Phillipi.
- “When we believe that Jesus died for our sins on the cross, and rose again, we can have eternal life too. Jesus gave them strength to keep their unshakable focus on praising God. Now that is something to sing about!”
- “Let’s sing some songs like Paul and Silus did.” **(Leader may choose one or both song and invite everyone to sing along.)**
- **PowerPoint slide 12> Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice. Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice. Rejoice, rejoice and again I say rejoice. Rejoice, rejoice and again I say rejoice.**
- **PowerPoint slide 13> Jesus loves me this I know. For the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong. They are weak but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**
- Suddenly, a powerful earthquake shook the prison from top to bottom.”
- **Leader tells the group to bang on the table to sound like an earthquake (optional).**
- The Bible says, *“All at once the prison doors flew open. Chains fell off all the prisoners!”*  
Wow! Praise is powerful! God shook the chains right off Paul and Silas and all the other prisoners! **(Paul and Silas break out of their paper chains).**

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- “When we believe that Jesus died for our sins on the cross and rose again conquering death, we can have eternal life. Jesus gave them strength to keep their unshakable **focus** on praising God. Now that is something to sing about!”

**(The Leader can thank Paul and Silas and ask them to go back to their seats.)**

- The Leader will continue with the lesson as written in the Large Group Leader’s Guide.