

PAUL AND SILAS PRAISED GOD

BABIES
UNIT 1
SESSION 2

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

CONTEXT AND COMMENTARY FOR PERSONAL STUDY AND PREPARATION

(For age-appropriate language, use the Bible story statements in the leader guide.)

Have you ever considered your praise of God to be a weapon in an unseen war? Our praise and worship of the Lord can impact the physical world through spiritual warfare.

Luke wrote about a time God rescued Paul and Silas from prison. Scripture precedes that rescue by detailing that they prayed and sang hymns to God. That time of prayer and praise seemed to be the catalyst for the earthquake and shaking that set them free from their chains.

This is not the first time the Bible tells of praise being used as a weapon. Perhaps the most famous Old Testament example happened in Joshua 6 when God commanded the Israelites to march around the city of Jericho. On the seventh day, the priests blew the trumpets, and the people shouted. The trumpets and the shouts can be viewed as praise and obedience to God. And we know the rest of the story ... the walls came tumbling down.

In 2 Chronicles 20, King Jehoshaphat of Judah faced a vast army coming against him. He prayed, fasted, and sought God. The next day, Jehoshaphat appointed singers to go ahead of the army, singing and praising the Lord. As they sang and praised, the Lord set ambushes against the enemy armies, and they were defeated without Judah having to fight.

Ephesians 6:10-20 makes it very clear that we are engaged in a battle that is not against flesh and blood. We are part of the battle raging in the heavens—spiritual warfare. The war rages even when we do not recognize or understand what is happening. And while Ephesians 6 tells us of the armor we wear to protect ourselves in this battle, passages such as Acts 16; Joshua 6; and 2 Chronicles 20 remind us that our praise of the Lord is an effective weapon in that war.

As you pray this week, ask the Lord to empower you to boldly praise Him as part of your role in the battle of the spiritual world. Ask Him to remind you of the importance of routine prayer and praise in your life.

TEACHER TIP

To distract babies during diaper changing, string objects for the ceiling over the changing area. For example, use a giant mobile or tissue paper flowers. Anything that will catch a baby's eye will help!



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

People tell about God and Jesus.

LIFE POINT

People can tell about Jesus at all times.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Acts 16:16-34

BIBLE VERSE

Sing to God; tell all
He has done.
Psalm 105:2

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