

# GO DEEPER

## SCRIPTURE

**ACTS 16:16-40**  
Paul & Silas

## BOTTOM LINE

**JOY IS KNOWING  
GOD IS WITH ME**



## TALK ABOUT IT

Read Acts 16:24-26. Then talk about it:

- What situation were Paul and Silas in?
- How do you know they had joy?
- Why can you have joy on a hard day?
- How can you show joy on a hard day?



## WAYS TO WORSHIP

Joy is God-given gladness that doesn't change when things – good or bad – happen. Joy comes from being with God. Thank God for all the times you have been joyful in the last few weeks. Ask Him to help you be more joyful in life. Take a pipe cleaner and wrap it around your finger to make a spring as a symbol of the joy and bounciness you are asking God to bring into your life. Make more springs for people you want to pray for to have more joy in their lives!



## THINK ABOUT IT

Read Psalm 23. Joy is knowing God is with me. David wrote Psalm 23 as a reminder that no matter where he was, God was with him and God would provide for him. Try writing your own psalms to God, using these ideas of how God is with us from David's psalm.

- God's provision
- God's guidance in making right decisions
- God's help when we're afraid
- God's blessings and promise of eternal life



## A JOYFUL NOISE BAND

Gather some musical instruments you have or make your own or using pots, pans, and kitchen utensils. Turn on your favorite worship music. Sing, dance, & play your instruments to create a joyful noise unto the Lord!

*"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!"*  
Psalm 98:4 (ESV)