



Circle Up

ASK

Use this time to gather together and get everyone talking.

- What's the most exciting news you've heard lately?
Encourage each family member to take turns sharing.

SAY

We all have exciting news! Today we're learning about a jailer who heard the most exciting news ever! He learned he can be friends with God and fight evil with salvation. Fighting evil with salvation means that when we're friends with God, he'll always protect us. And when we do that, **we fight evil with salvation.**

DRAW

Materials Needed; paper, pencils

Encourage each family member to think of someone he or she knows and wants to tell about Jesus. Then draw a picture of the person he or she thought of wearing a helmet. Use these drawings during the closing prayer.

Watch

Watch today's teaching video [here](#).

ASK

Your Elementary Schooler:

- * What does it mean to you to fight evil with salvation?
- * What can you learn from the way Olivia and Elyse helped Uncle Martin?
- What would you tell someone about Jesus?

ASK

Your Prechooler:

- * Who is your best friend?
- * Did you know Jesus is your friend, and when you believe in Him, you're wearing the helmet of salvation?
- * Who can you tell about Jesus?

Have Fun Together

READ

Use these activities to have fun together while learning about God.

Materials Needed: Bible

We're in a battle! But it's not against people. [Read Ephesians 6:10-12 together](#). Yikes! Unseen powers? That sounds scary. But we're not in it alone—we have God on our side, and he gives us armor to wear. That includes a helmet of salvation. Salvation means being friends with Jesus. [Read Ephesians 6:17](#). We don't need to be scared in this battle, because God's side is the winning side! And we fight evil with salvation. That's just what Paul and Silas did in the Bible. They knew and loved Jesus, so they had on their helmets of salvation. Salvation means Jesus is your friend and saved you from your sins.

ACT

Materials Needed: party hats for each person in your family

Choose two people to play the roles of Paul and Silas; have them put on party hats as helmets. Act out the story as you're able - depending on the size of your family.

Paul and Silas were missionaries, which means they traveled around telling everyone about Jesus. Let's hear about part of their journey. [Read Acts 16:4-5](#). The church grew larger every day! That means more and more people were putting on their helmets of salvation. Choose someone to put on a party hat. Talk about people who've told you about Jesus. Take turns sharing stories. Then they went to Macedonia after Paul had a vision where a man from Macedonia asked him to help them. So Paul and Silas went to Macedonia and told more people about Jesus. Choose another person to put on a party hat. Next Paul and Silas went to Philippi and met a woman named Lydia. And check this out! [Read Acts 16:14](#). Lydia put on the helmet of salvation too. Choose someone to play Lydia and put on a party hat. Then one day, Paul and Silas healed a girl even though she was doing some dangerous things. They healed her with Jesus' power! The Bible doesn't tell us for sure, but maybe she put on a helmet of salvation, too. Have another person pretend to be the girl and put on a party hat. People got mad at Paul and Silas for healing the girl. In fact, there were people who were mad at them just for telling about Jesus! That's the evil they were fighting—the people trying to stop the message of Jesus from spreading. They got in trouble and were thrown in jail for what they'd done. Have two people sit behind a chair and peer through the legs of the chair as if they're prison bars. While they were in jail, Paul and Silas sang hymns to God. Encourage everyone to sing "Jesus Loves Me" or a song you're familiar with. Listen to what the other prisoners did while they sang. [Read Acts 16:25](#). What did you notice the other prisoners doing? They were listening! Maybe some of them put on helmets of salvation! But the story gets better. [Read Acts 16:26](#). Have kids shake their chairs to make an earthquake. If you were in prison unfairly and an earthquake made the doors fly open, what would you do? Most of us would escape from prison! But that's not what Paul and Silas did. Why? Because they found someone else who needed the helmet of salvation. [Read Acts 16:27-31](#). And you know what? The jailer believed in Jesus! Have someone put on a party hat And so did his whole family! Then the jailer threw a party for Paul and Silas. [Read Acts 16:34](#). We fight evil with salvation. Paul and Silas led a lot of people to put on their helmets of salvation. And our helmets are party hats because salvation is something to celebrate! After that, Paul and Silas got to travel around more and tell more people about Jesus. And the church kept growing as more people put on

PRAY

Materials Needed: drawings from opening activity.

Dear God, help us share the good news about your salvation just like Paul and Silas. Help the people we drew pictures of understand and believe in you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!