

## Story 119: Paul and Silas in Jail

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Read this story in the Bible in Acts 16:25-40.

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### Words to Know

**beaten** – struck or hit over and over with an object, causing much pain

**suddenly** – quickly, without warning

**shake** – tremble or move back and forth very quickly

**jailer** – the person who is in charge of prisoners in a jail

### Questions

1. Why were Paul and Silas beaten and put in jail?
2. What were Paul and Silas doing in the jail late at night?
3. What suddenly happened?
4. Why was the jailer scared?
5. What did the jailer start to do to himself? Why did he not do it?
6. When the jailer got a light, what did he see?
7. What did the jailer realize about God?
8. What did the jailer and his family do?

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