

Hello Jelly Tots

I hope you have had a good week. I am hoping that we will be able to see each other on Zoom on Sunday. Here are some things that you could do with your families as well if you want to.

Love

Alison x

Parents – today’s story is ultimately about ‘joy’ in difficult times. Quite a tricky concept for little people. It is quite hard for them to separate how they ‘feel’ and what they might understand to be true about God. This is hard as an adult let alone when you are at nursery or in P1! I have also added about how they chose to ‘do the right thing’ and God’s plan was better than how theirs might have worked out!

Game - Play a game of guess the feeling? Make these faces and someone at home guesses how you are feeling –

Sad, tired, upset, excited, happy. (Or play pairs with expressions on cards)

Chat – how would you feel if these things happened –

- You are having a birthday party / you get some sweeties
- You hurt your leg / you fall on your scooter
- You wake up in the middle of the night and it is dark
- People said mean things about you

Explain that sometimes it is hard to feel ‘happy’ when times are hard. God wants us to have joy though which means we might not ‘feel’ happy but we know God loves and looks out for us.

Today we are looking at two people who wanted to tell people about Jesus.

Here is a clip about Paul and Silas.

Watch - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y24Ak7DJZFg>

Say that this story shows us that we can still be joyful and trust that God will look after us even if not so good things are happening.

Who were the people in the story? Paul and Silas

What did they do? Told people about Jesus

What happened? They were thrown in jail.

What did they do? Praised God and they got out. They could have ran away but they didn’t and they were let free from the jail because they chose to do the right thing.

They knew that God was still in control and that His plan was bigger than what they were going through. They must have 'felt' horrible being in jail but they chose to still praise God. That is joy!

They also could have run away but they wanted to do the right thing and because they did this the jailer and his family started to believe in God. It is important that we make good choices. Sometimes people notice that and want to know why!

Chat – Do our friends see us make good choices? What might that look like?

Sing - we can praise God too. Sometimes when we aren't 'feeling' great we can remind ourselves about God's love by listening to and singing songs. Here are some you could sing along to –

Nothing's Too Big - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_TBMopPR-4

I've got the Joy <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GTW5WCY37zU>

Pray / Draw - Could you draw something that you can pray for -

Thank you – what are we thankful for today?

Sorry – what could we say sorry to God for?

Please – can we pray for anybody today?

Maybe people at home could help you to pray about these things.

Act out – could you act out the story of Paul and Silas with people at home? Maybe you could build a den to be the jail and remember to dance lots when you are praising God!

Have fun whatever you choose to do!