

# WEEK 3

## SMALL GROUP GUIDE

YOU'RE  
**INVITED**

### **BIG IDEA**

We can worship God during hard times.

### **THE BIBLE**

**Paul and Silas Worship in Jail:** Acts 16:20-34 (Philippians 4:12-13; John 16:23; Philippians 4:4; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

### **QUESTIONS**

- **Why did Paul and Silas get thrown in jail?** *(Telling people about Jesus.)*
- **Why do you think Paul and Silas worshiped God when they were thrown in jail?**
- **What did Paul and Silas do when the jailer was upset?** *(They told him it was okay and told him about Jesus. Then he and his family decided to follow Jesus.)*
- **When we are going through a hard time, how can we worship God?**
- **How are you going to keep worshiping God the next time you face a difficult time?**
- **Look up and read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. Is it easier for you to rejoice always, pray continually, or give thanks in all circumstances?**
- **What does it mean to rejoice always? How can you do this?**
- **What does it mean to pray continually? How can you do this?**
- **What does it mean to give thanks in all circumstances? How can you do this?**

### **ACTIVITY**

Split the kids in your small group into pairs and give them a balloon and a marker. Tell them to write on the balloon some reasons they can praise God. They will work together to get their balloon across the room and back, but they can't touch it with their hands. They can put it between their heads or stand back-to-back and waddle to the wall and back. As they play, **ask this...**

- **How can friends help us when we're going through difficult times?**
- **How can you help someone else who is going through a hard time right now?**
- **How do you think Paul and Silas helped each other when they were in jail?**

### **MEMORY VERSES OF THE MONTH**

Work on memorizing **John 1:1** and **Ephesians 4:29** together.