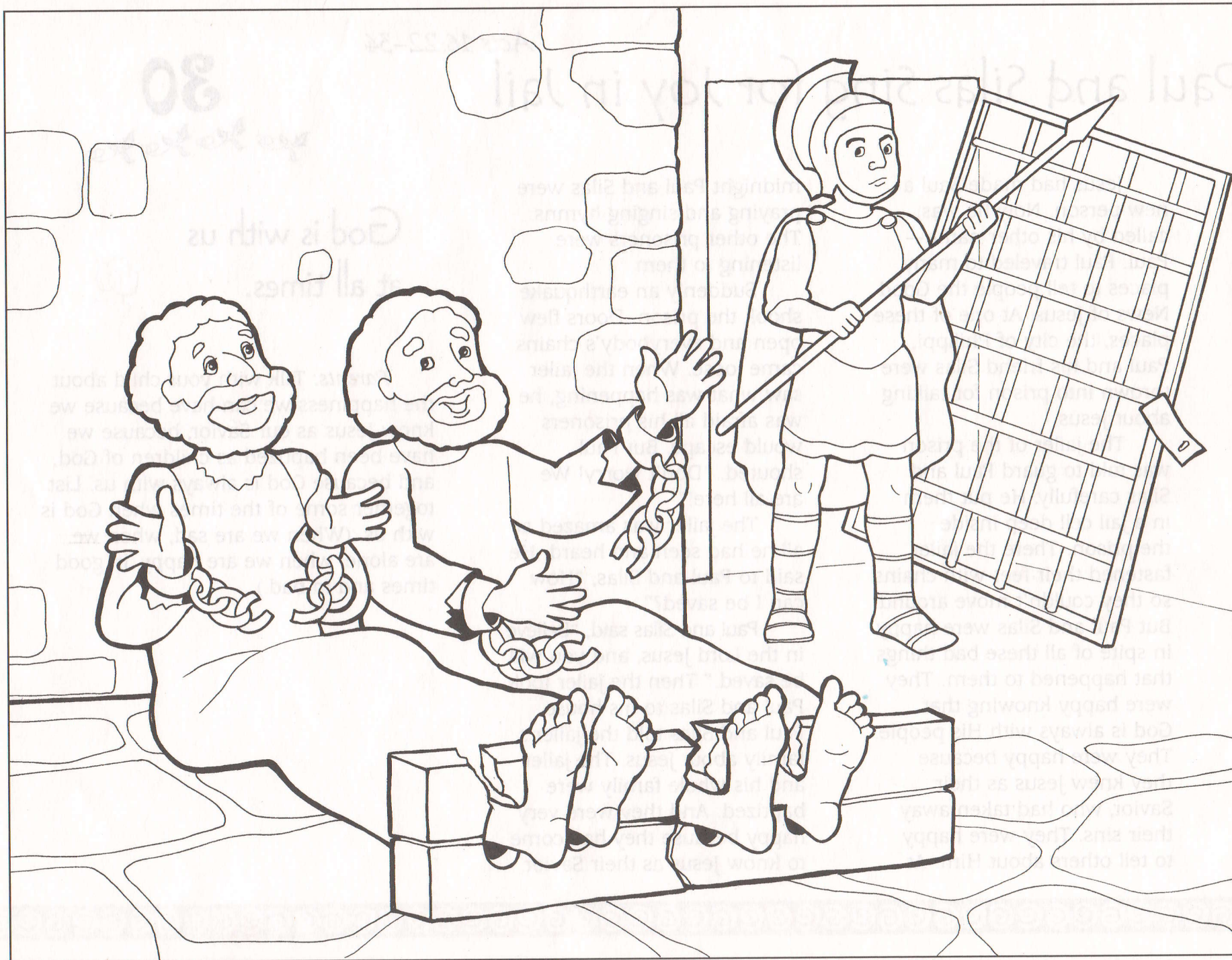




Paul and Silas Sing for Joy in Jail

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Jesus had made Saul a new person. Now he was called by his other name—Paul. Paul traveled to many places to tell people the Good News of Jesus. At one of these places, the city of Philippi, Paul and his friend Silas were thrown into prison for talking about Jesus.

The jailer of the prison was told to guard Paul and Silas carefully. He put them in a jail cell deep inside the prison. There the jailer fastened their feet with chains so they couldn't move around. But Paul and Silas were happy in spite of all these bad things that happened to them. They were happy knowing that God is always with His people. They were happy because they knew Jesus as their Savior, who had taken away their sins. They were happy to tell others about Him. At

midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns. The other prisoners were listening to them.

Suddenly an earthquake shook the prison. Doors flew open and everybody's chains came loose. When the jailer saw what was happening, he was afraid all his prisoners would escape. But Paul shouted, "Don't worry! We are all here!"

The jailer was amazed at all he had seen and heard. He said to Paul and Silas, "How can I be saved?"

Paul and Silas said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved." Then the jailer took Paul and Silas to his house. Paul and Silas told the jailer's family about Jesus. The jailer and his whole family were baptized. And they were very happy because they had come to know Jesus as their Savior.

God is with us
at all times.



Parents: Talk with your child about the happiness we can have because we know Jesus as our Savior, because we have been baptized as children of God, and because God is always with us. List together some of the times when God is with us. (When we are sad, when we are alone, when we are happy, in good times and in bad.)