



Unit 9, Lesson 36

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: PERSECUTION OF THE APOSTLES

ACTS 5:17-42

THE STORY HOME

The high priest and his men tried to stop the apostles from telling people about Jesus. They arrested them. During the night an angel came and let them out of jail and told them to go to the Temple and tell people about Jesus. When they were brought before the high priest again they said, “We must obey God rather than human beings.” Finally, one Pharisee spoke up for the apostles and persuaded the others not to kill them. So they had them whipped and ordered them not to speak about Jesus. Just like the apostles, we can spread the Good News to all people—because all people are precious to Christ, whoever they are and however society views them.

PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- I wonder, what do you think the apostles felt about being thrown in jail?
- Why do you think the high priests were offended by the apostles preaching about Jesus?
- What happened after the apostles were beaten?
- Is there a time or place where you think somebody tried to shut you up about Jesus?
- How do you think Christians can act when others are mean to them on purpose?
- I wonder if any boy or girl—at any age—can share about Jesus. What do you think?

TOGETHER HOME

Family Field Trip. Together visit a church office and talk to the pastor and staff about growing up. Ask them questions about their life and what lessons they’ve learned. Find out if they have stories of sharing the Good News with people. Ask if they have ever been mocked or persecuted for being a Christian.

BIBLE MEMORY HOME

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (John 13:35)
Blow up a balloon. Together toss the balloon to each family member trying to keep it up off the ground. If it falls to the ground, the person who missed it repeats the Bible verse.

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