Chapter 8

God Blesses Me with His Care

Memory Verse

Believe in the Lord. **Acts 16:31**

* Story to Share *

2's and 3's

Paul and Silas traveled many places to tell people about Jesus and to make people well.

One day when they made a girl well some men got very angry. The men grabbed Paul and Silas and took them to the judges.

"These two are making trouble in our city," the men said. The judges ordered Paul and Silas to be beaten and thrown into jail.

So Paul and Silas went to jail. But, instead of feeling badly, they began to sing and pray to God. Other prisoners heard them praising God. About midnight, a big earthquake shook the jail and opened all the doors. Everyone's chains came loose. The jailer saw the doors opened, and he was afraid. Paul shouted to him, "Don't be afraid." When the jailer brought light into the cell, he saw that everyone was still there.

"What must I do to be saved?" he asked.

Paul and Silas answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus."

The jailer knew that God had helped Paul and Silas. He knew that Jesus was truly the Lord.

1's and young 2's

Paul and Silas told many people about Jesus. They made some men angry. The men didn't believe in Jesus, so they had Paul and Silas put in jail. But Paul and Silas were not angry. They sang and prayed to God. All the other prisoners heard them praising God.

Then an earthquake came. All the doors opened and the chains fell off the men. The jailer was afraid, but Paul said, "It's all right."

The jailer asked, "How can I be saved?" He knew that God helped Paul and Silas.

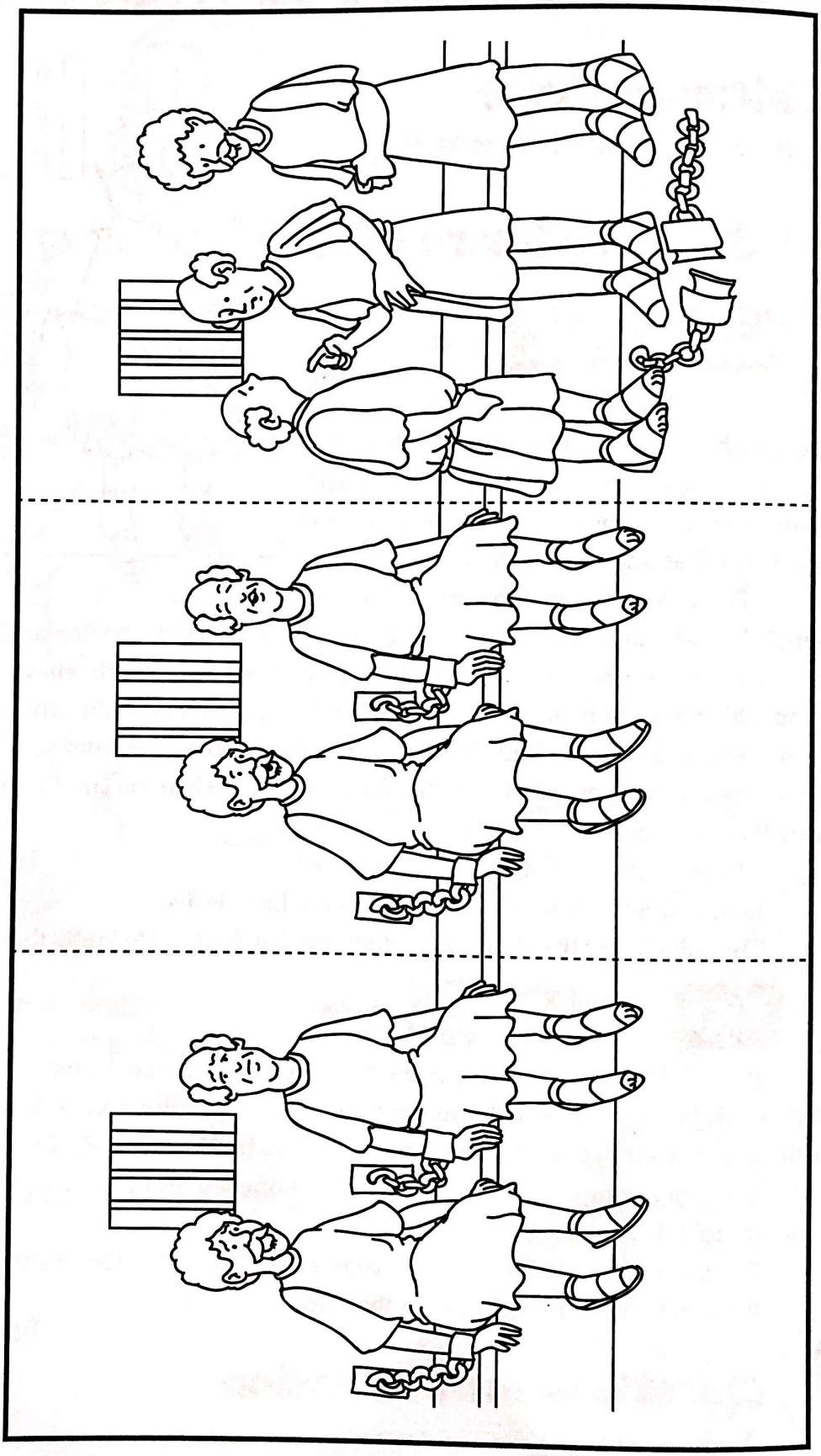
Paul and Silas said, "Believe in the Lord."

Based on Acts 16:16–40

Questions for Discussion

1. What did Paul and Silas do in prison?
2. How did God take care of Paul and Silas?

• Tri-fold Picture •



story visual

What You Need

- duplicated page
- tape

What to Do

1. Fold the page on the lines indicated, and form into a triangle.
2. Tape the seam to hold.
3. To tell the story, turn the triangle so the proper pictures show as you tell the story.

Another Idea

Play a version of "London Bridge," substituting these lines: "God takes care of you and me, you and me, you and me. God takes care of you and me, thank you, God." Have another adult help you play the game with the children. Hold hands with the other adult and have the children march under your arms. Capture a child now and then, and then let him or her go. Make sure each child gets a turn at being captured.

■ Care ■

• Bulletin Board Poster •

bulletin board

What You Need

- pattern on page 82
- construction paper or card stock
- clear, self-stick plastic
- foam meat tray
- tape
- yarn

What to Do

1. Depending on how you want to use the poster (see ideas below and at left), enlarge, reduce or simply copy page 82 to fit your bulletin board space.
2. To use the poster as an in-class activity, duplicate the page for each child. Provide a foam meat tray (cleaned and dried) for each child, plus yarn and tape. Help the children tape the picture inside the foam tray. Allow the children to add some yarn "bars" to the picture by stretching the yarn lengthwise along the front of the picture and taping it to the meat tray.

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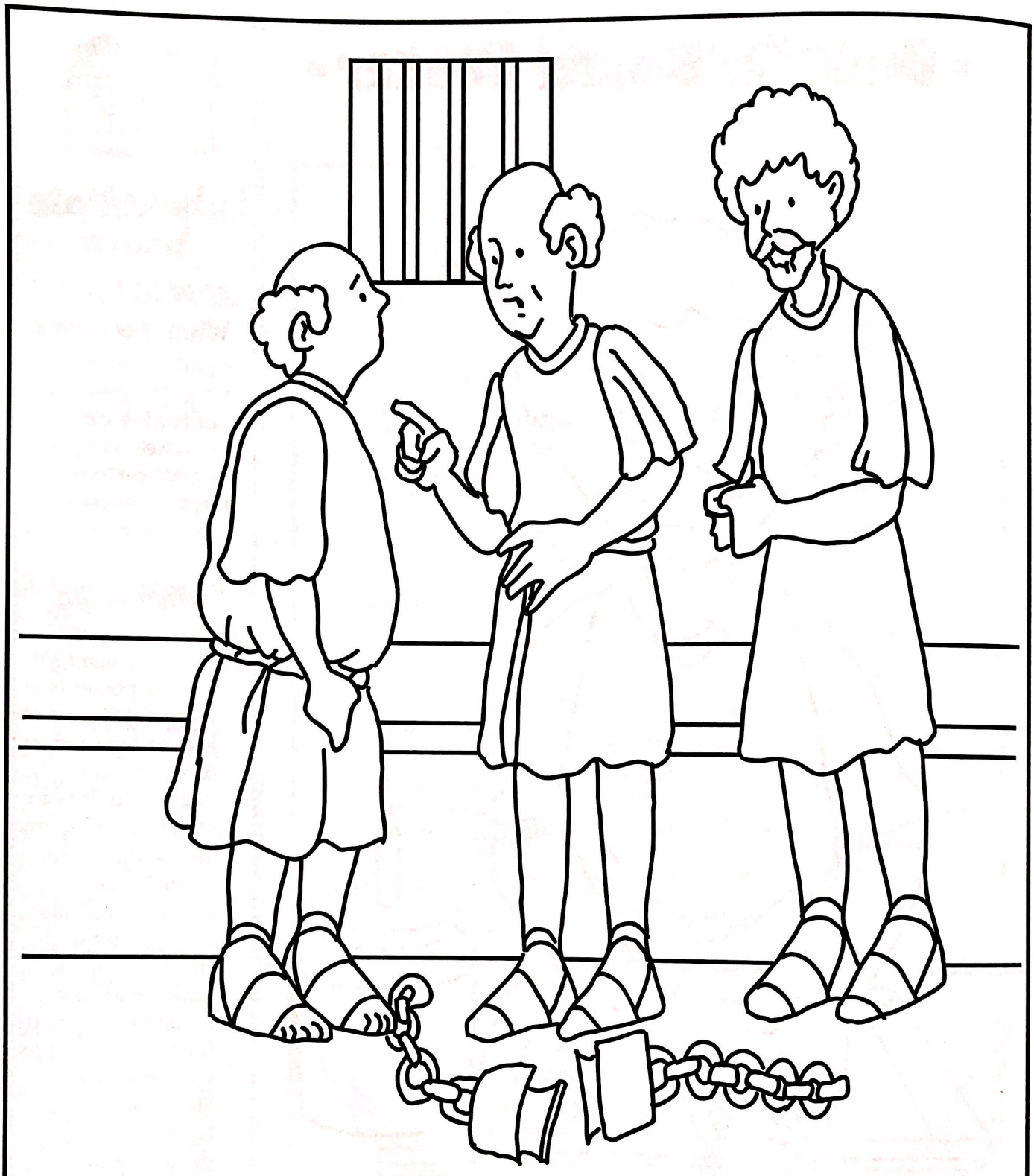
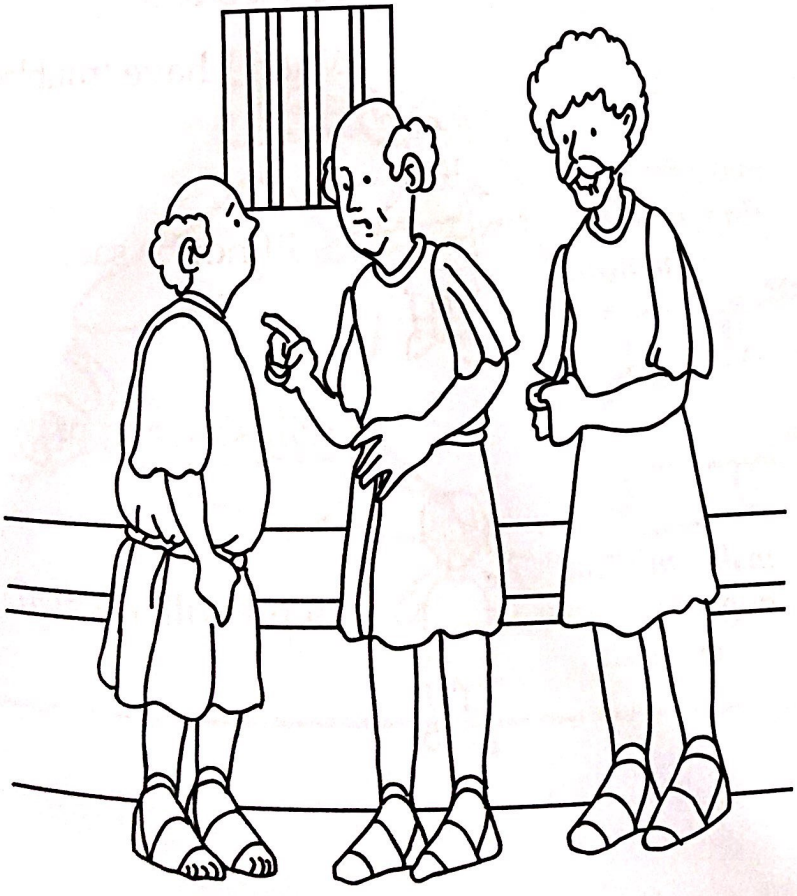


Believe in the Lord.

Acts 16:31

• No More Chains •



activity

What You Need

- duplicated page
- crayons

What to Do

1. Give each child a copy of the duplicated page.
2. Read the story from page 79 to the children.
3. Show the children how to draw chains on Paul and Silas, then show how to draw the chains on the floor.

song/rhyme

What You Need

- duplicated page

What to Do

1. Practice singing "Paul and Silas" before class to the tune of "B-I-N-G-O." Sing the song with the children a few times so they can learn and understand the words.
2. During the action verse "Troubles," show how to make exaggerated frowns and smiles while you say the verse with the children.

• Free from Troubles •

Paul and Silas

Paul and Silas were in jail.
They prayed and sang to God,
Prayed and sang to God,
Prayed and sang to God,
Prayed and sang to God,
Then they were set free.

Paul and Silas were in jail.
But God took care of them,
God took care of them,
God took care of them,
God took care of them,
And then they were set free.

Troubles

When I have troubles,

make frown with fingers to corner of mouth

I will not be sad.

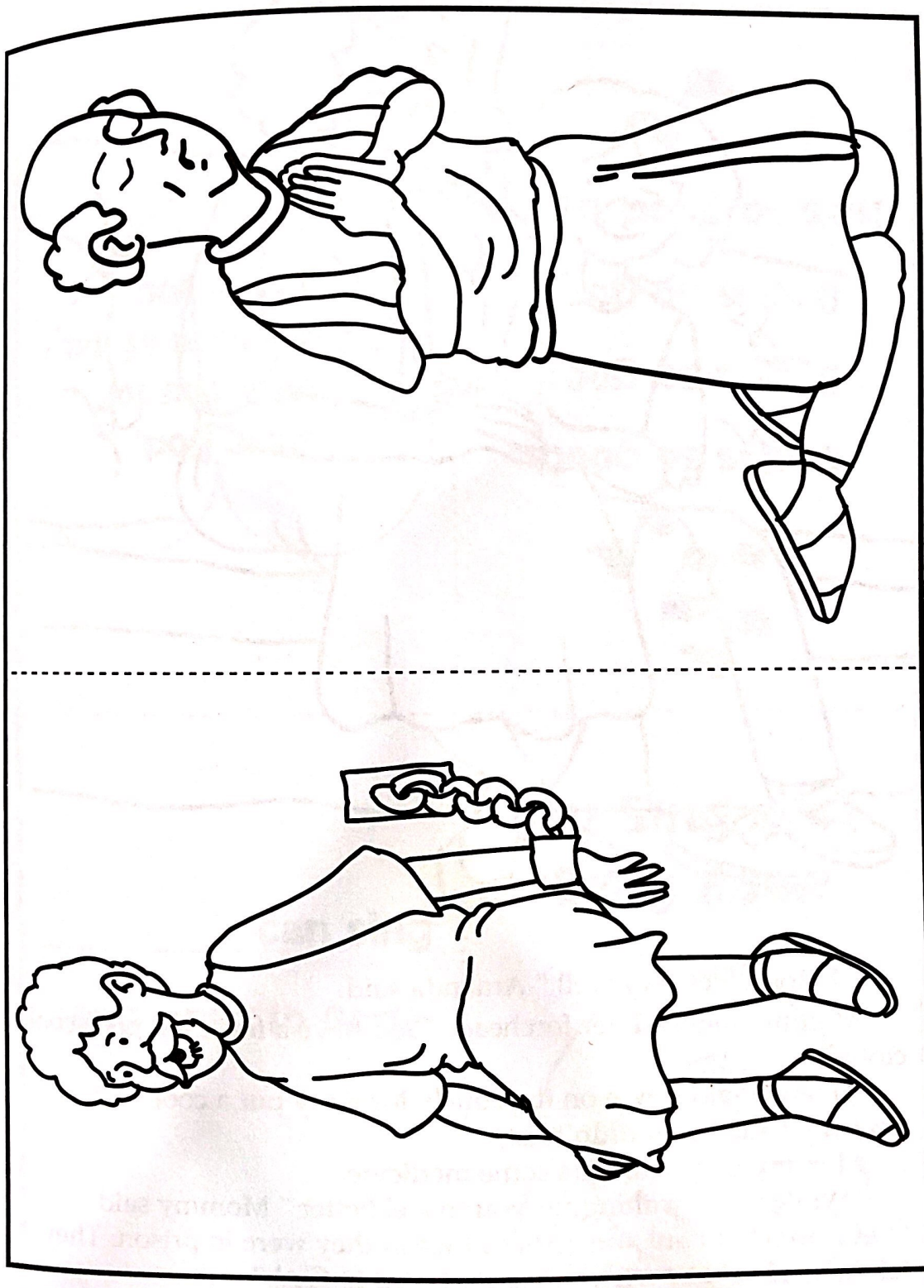
I will sing and pray to God.

make smile with fingers to corner of mouth

Then I will feel glad.

■ Care ■

Praise and Prayer Puppet



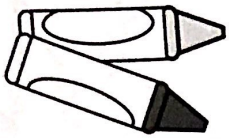
craft

What You Need

- duplicated page
- crayons
- tape

What to Do

1. Cut out and fold the picture in half, then tape the top and side seams. Leave the bottom edge open.
2. Have the children color their puppets.
3. Show how to slip the puppet on your hand.
4. Say, **Paul and Silas prayed and sang to God. We can pray and sing to God, too.**



coloring

What You Need

- duplicated page
- crayons

What to Do

1. Hold a copy of this page so the children can see it as you tell the story.
2. Afterward, give each child a copy of the page to color.

• Amanda's Song •

"I don't feel very well," Amanda said.

Mommy touched her forehead. "You have a fever. I'll get a cool cloth."

Amanda laid down on the couch. Mommy put a cool cloth on her forehead. But, it didn't help.

Mommy gave Amanda some medicine.

"While we're waiting for you to feel better," Mommy said. "Let's do what Paul and Silas did when they were in prison. They felt badly, but they still sang and prayed to God."

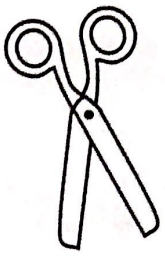
Amanda sat up. She loved to sing. "Let's do, 'Jesus Loves Me,' " she said.

Amanda sang the whole song by herself. Then Mommy helped Amanda say a prayer.

After awhile, Amanda said, "I feel better. I feel happy because Jesus loves me."

Mommy smiled and gave Amanda a hug.

Sing and Pray Booklet



craft

What You Need

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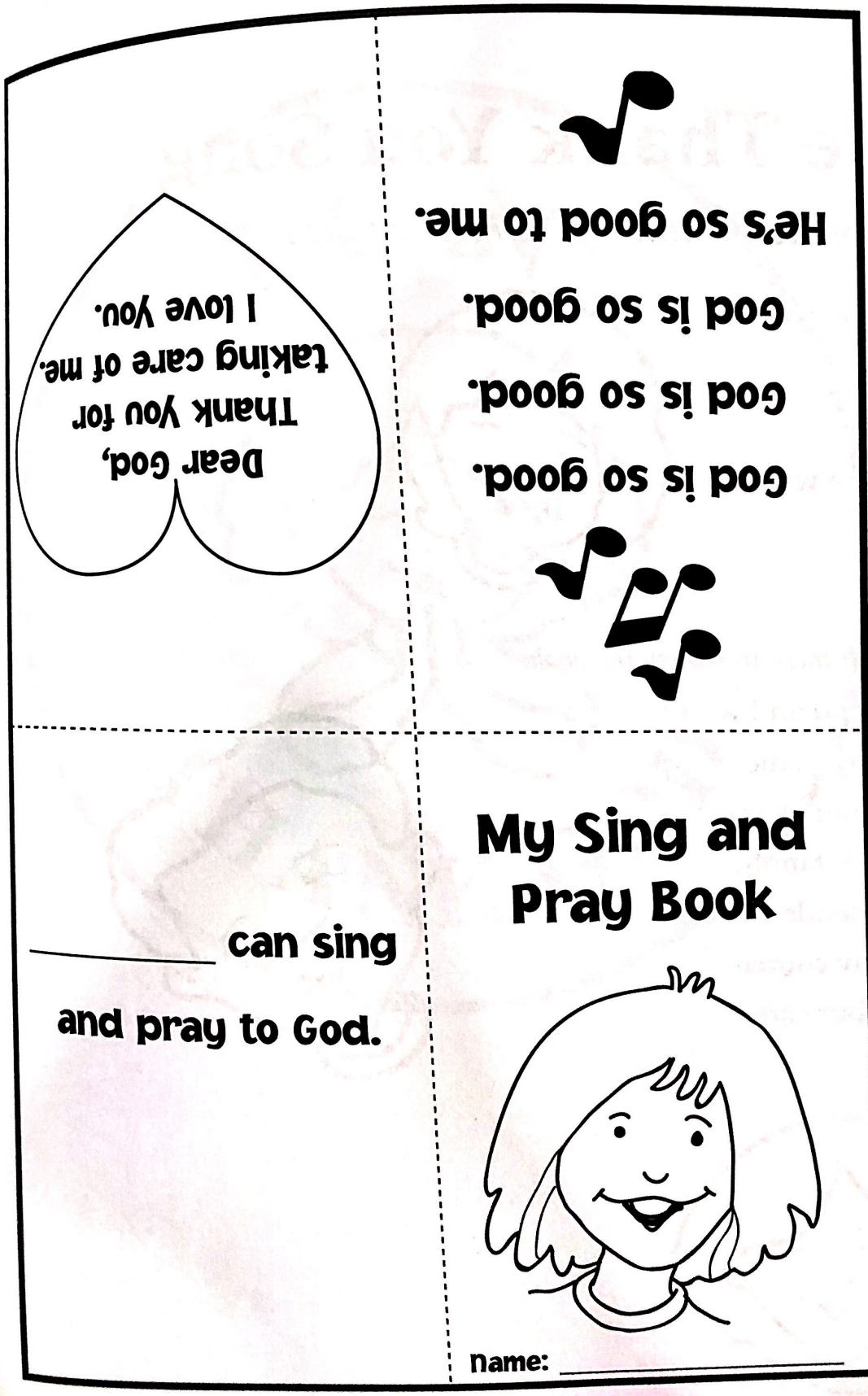
- crayons

What to Do

1. Before class, cut out and fold a booklet for each child.
2. Allow the children to color the booklet. If desired, provide stickers for decorating the pages.
3. Write each child's name on his or her book.
4. Read through the Sing and Pray Booklet for the children as they turn the pages in their own booklets.