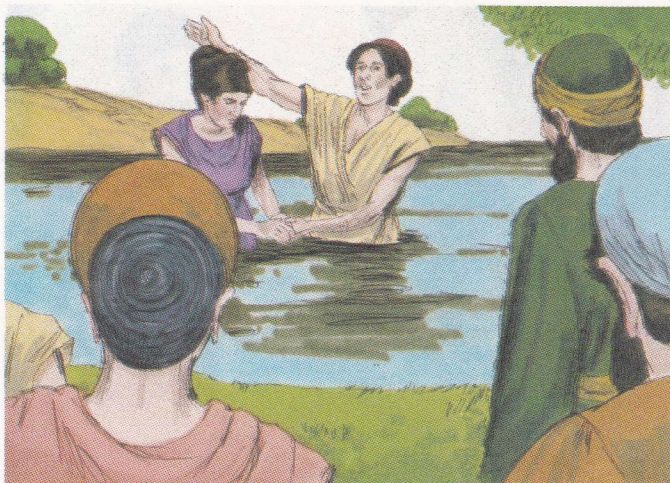


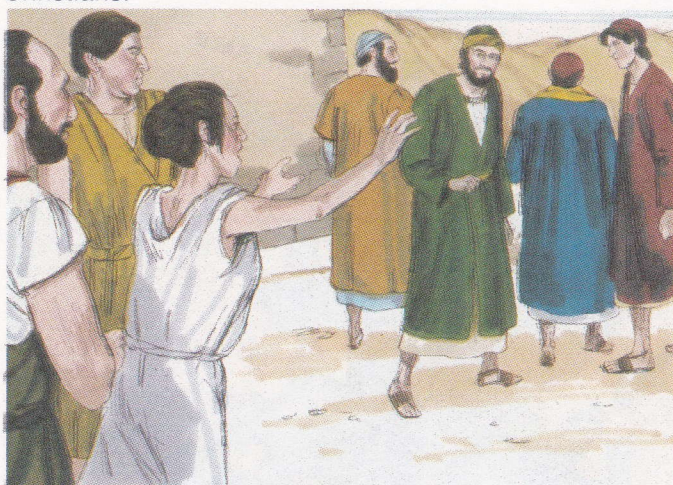
# Imprisoned at Philippi



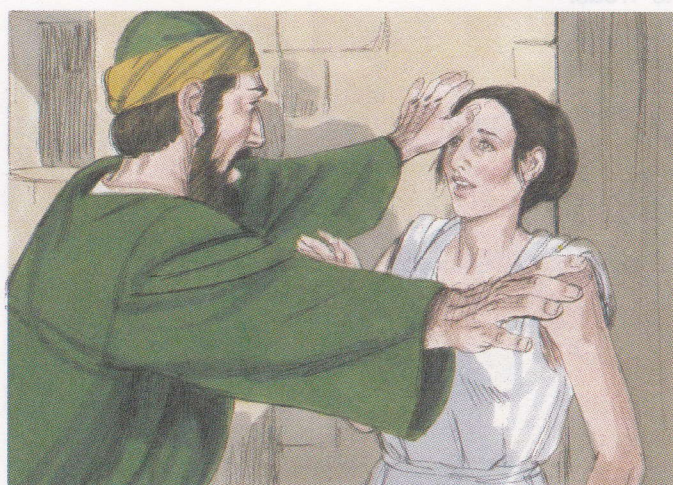
**1** Upon receiving the Macedonian vision, Paul and his group went to Philippi. There Lydia and all her household responded to Paul's message and became Christians.



**2** One day as Paul was going to the place of prayer, he met a slave girl. She had a spirit by which she predicted the future.



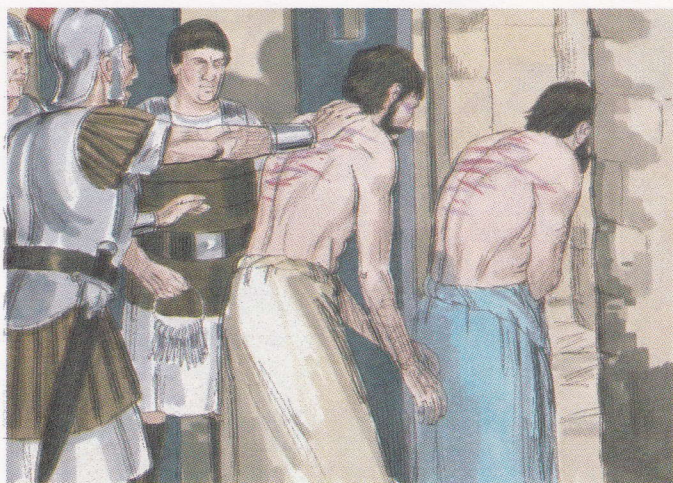
**3** This girl followed Paul's group, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God. They are telling you the way to be saved." She did this day after day.



**4** Finally Paul turned to her and said to the spirit in her, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her." And the spirit left her that very moment.

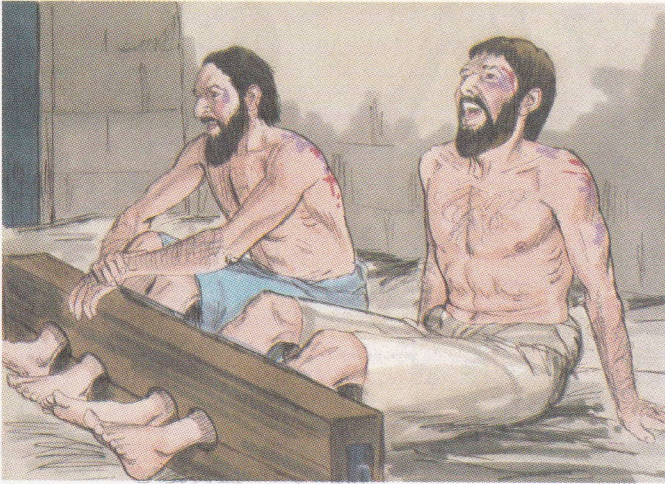


**5** This made her owners very unhappy, because they had made a great deal of money from her fortune telling. So they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them to the marketplace.



**6** There the magistrates of the city had Paul and Silas stripped and beaten and thrown into prison. They told the jailer to guard them carefully.





**7** So the jailer put them in an inner cell and fastened their feet in stocks. About midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns. The other prisoners were listening.



**8** Suddenly there was a violent earthquake! The very foundations of the prison were shaken and all the doors suddenly flew open! Everyone's chains came loose!



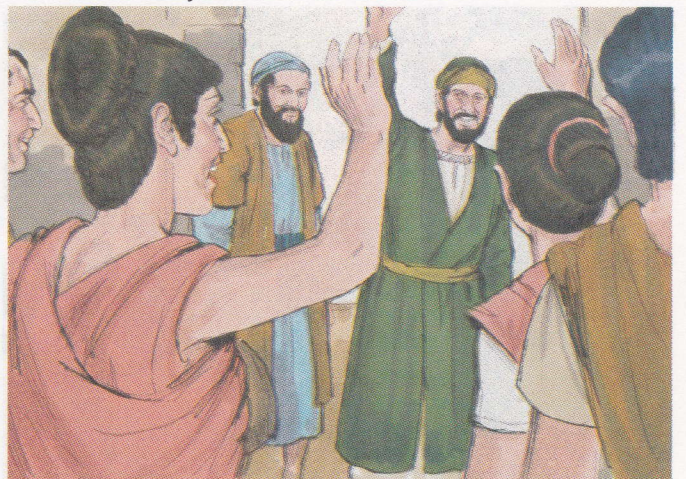
**9** When the jailer awoke and saw the open doors, he thought his prisoners had escaped. As he was about to kill himself, Paul shouted, "Don't hurt yourself! We are all here!"



**10** The jailer brought Paul and Silas out and asked them, "What must I do to be saved?" They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to the jailer and his household.



**11** The jailer washed their wounds, and then he and his household were baptized. His whole family was filled with joy because they had become believers.



**12** The next day the magistrates sent word to release them. But Paul insisted that the magistrates escort them out. Then they encouraged the believers at Lydia's house and left for Thessalonica.