

Book of PHILIPPIANS

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<p>Preparation: <i>(What I need to do and items to gather before I begin to teach.)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bibles to use in class
<p>Lesson Title:</p>	<p>The New Testament Book of Philippians Continue <i>your NEW Testament Wall display by hanging the “Philippians” wall card.</i></p>
<p>Scripture Reference(s):</p>	<p>Philippians 4:4 “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!”</p>
<p>Emphasis or Theme:</p>	<p>How to REJOICE, no matter what!</p>
<p>Introducing the Story: <i>(What you might say or do before the story to help create an interest or curiosity.)</i></p>	<p><i>(Hang your “Philippians” wall card on your New Testament wall display.)</i> SAY: The Book of Philippians was written by apostle Paul - the same apostle who wrote the Book of Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, and Ephesians.</p>
<p>LESSON: Telling the Story Through the Bible: (Outline the story here. Then describe the method you will use to tell the story. Examples might include showing pictures, props, visuals, drawing as you tell, using puppets, costumed characters, dramatic storytelling or any number of other methods.)</p>	<p>SAY: Philippi was a city in Greece, and the people who live in Philippi are called, you guessed it . . . Philippians! Philippians is the next book in the New Testament. The book of Philippians was written by apostle Paul. Paul wrote this letter as he sat in prison. But Paul’s little letter to the church in Philippi is packed with power!</p> <p>SAY: Life was hard in the city of Philippi:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People were not treating the Christians well because of their faith. • Paul, their first teacher, was in prison far away. Can you Imagine Paul writing this letter as he sat in prison?! • One of their key church members had fallen deathly ill. <p>The Christians in Philippi had worked very hard to live a Christian life and follow the Bible ever since Paul first shared it with them. But they were finding that the work was really hard.</p> <p>ASK: What do you do when you are faced with something very difficult? <i>(Allow students to share responses – if necessary, give examples, such as:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What do you do when a friend is not being nice?</i> • <i>What do you do when you see someone stealing?</i> • <i>What do you do when your brother/sister breaks something of yours, like a toy?</i> <p>SAY: Yes, those are all very common ways of reacting. But can you guess what Paul told the Philippians to do when all of their difficult things were happening . . . ? Paul tells the people to REJOICE.</p> <p>ASK: What does the word REJOICE mean? <i>(Rejoice: To feel or show great joy or delight.)</i></p> <p>ASK: Why do you think Paul tells them to REJOICE? Why would anyone REJOICE while something terrible is happening? <i>(Pause for responses.)</i></p> <p>SAY: Paul tells them to REJOICE because God is at work.</p> <p>ASK: What are some things in your life that give you reason to REJOICE, and make</p>

	<p>you feel great joy? <i>(Pause for responses.)</i></p> <p>SAY: Perhaps the thing that gives us the most reason to REJOICE is that we all have Jesus in our hearts. We REJOICE in God’s love every Sunday that attend Sunday school and come to church.</p> <p>The book of Philippians is one of Paul’s most encouraging letters. No other book of the Bible focuses on JOY like Philippians. Paul tells the Philippians how happy he is for their excellent work in spreading the Word of God. He tells them how much he looks forward to seeing them. He warns them about possible problems that might occur, but coaches them on how to deal with the hard times so they don’t lose their way.</p> <p>Paul shares with the Philippians that no matter what, the Good News of Jesus will continue to move forward. God will complete His work in their lives. God’s children will have all of their true needs met. With Jesus in our lives, that’s definitely reason to REJOICE!</p>
<p>Learning Activities: (Games, crafts artwork, songs, memory verses, or other activities that bring fuller meaning to the scripture or make application to the lives of the students.)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rejoice Paper Pinata 2. New Year’s Pinata 3. Bible Scripture Relay
<p>Review: (Solidify learning by repeating facts, themes, or even the story itself through games, crafts, activities, or visual aides.)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Book of Philippians was written by which apostle? PAUL 2. What does Paul tell the people to do? Rejoice 3. Why should the people REJOICE during such a difficult time? Because God is at work; they have God in their lives.
<p>Closing: (Prayer, last song, . . .)</p>	<p>Repeat and recite together: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!”</p> <p>Recite: <i>Hayr Mer</i></p>