



Session Nineteen: Jesus Saves When We Believe

Today's Point:

We are saved when we believe in Jesus—He is the only way!

Bible Verse:

Acts 16:31

CSB: They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.”

KJV: And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Today's Bible Skill:

- Memorize Acts 16:31
- Know Acts is the 5th book in the New Testament
- Learn this verse comes from the story where Paul and Silas told the jailer how to be saved

Bible Truth Activity:

Game: “Rescue Mission!”

Object of the game: Teach that salvation means being rescued—Jesus is the Rescuer when we believe.

Materials:

- Plastic people figures or paper cutouts
- Toy blocks, chairs, or string to create a “jail”
- A small cross or heart to represent “belief in Jesus”

Directions:

1. Put a figure inside the “jail.”
2. Ask: “What do they need to be rescued?”
3. As children answer, bring the cross/heart and say together: “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved!”

Say:

We don't have to stay stuck in sin. When we believe in Jesus, He rescues us—just like Paul and Silas told the jailer. And we can help others know the truth too!

Bible Discovery Discussion:

Ask the kids:

- What does it mean to “believe in the Lord Jesus”?
- Can kids believe in Jesus too? (Yes!)
- What happened to the jailer after he believed? (He was saved and so was his whole household!)

Say:

The jailer asked Paul and Silas the most important question: “What must I do to be saved?” And they gave the most important answer: “Believe in the Lord Jesus.” We don't earn salvation—we receive it when we trust Jesus with our heart and life.

Bible Verse Activity – Word Train**Materials:**

- Word cards for each part of Acts 16:31 (“Believe,” “in,” “the,” “Lord,” “Jesus,” “and,” “you,” “will,” “be,” “saved”)
- Tape or magnets to stick them up

Instructions:

1. Mix up the word cards and pass them out.
2. Have kids come up and place them in the correct order, forming a “verse train.”
3. Once the “train” is complete, read the verse aloud together several times.

Say:

This verse is short—but so powerful. It tells the truth of the gospel in just a few words. When you believe in Jesus and surrender to Him, you are saved!

Bible Skills Activity: “Good News Chain”

Materials:

- Paper strips
- Markers
- Stapler or tape

Instructions:

1. On each strip, have kids write a phrase that goes with the gospel:
 - “Jesus loves me”
 - “I need a Savior”
 - “Jesus died for me”
 - “I believe in Jesus”
 - “Jesus saves!”
2. Make a paper chain from the strips.

Say:

The good news is connected—all parts lead to believing in Jesus and being saved. You can share this truth with your friends and family too, just like Paul and Silas did.