

Small Group Guide: Middle 4/22 and 4/26

Unit:	Good News Spreads "Chain Breaker"
The Point:	The Point: Jesus Breaks Chains
Memory Verse:	"So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free." John 8:36
Scripture:	1 st Graders read: 2 nd Graders read: Acts 17:16-31.
Observation Questions:	See Observation Question Sheet
Application/Activity:	<p>Worship a living God</p> <p>In our story today, Paul talks to the religious leaders about worshipping the true God. The people were worshipping idols. Do you know what an idol is? An idol is like a statue that represents, or reminds people of, a god. Sometimes we worship things that are not God, too. We may not actually pray to them, but we give them a lot of time and attention. I brought some items with me today that we might worship, or pay a lot of attention to and think of as really important. When I take each item out of this bag, we will talk about how it can be like an idol to us.</p> <p>Take each item out of the bag one at a time. Talk about how each item can become more important in our lives than it should. Leave the Bible in the bag</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gold coins (money can be idols) 2. Phones (electronics and games)

- 3. Medals (sports)
- 4. Shoe (fashion or trends)
- 5. Bible

These items are all important to us. But they should not be the most important thing. What should be the most important thing in our lives?

[God, Jesus.]

Take the Bible out of the bag. What is this? [A Bible.] Now, we do not worship the Bible, but we read it to learn about God. The Bible tells us that the God we worship is the one true God—the Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer of the whole world!

Idol Stomp

Paul was concerned about the people worshipping idols instead of knowing the real God. Today we are going to stomp out our idols that get in the way of our relationship with God. Do you remember some of the things that we talked about earlier that might become more important than God?

We want you to write on this cup what your idol could be. Maybe its sports or your phone, or your tablet. They are all good things the problem is when they get in the way of worshipping God. So we are going to write our idols on the cup and we are going to pray to ask God to help us stomp out our idols. Pray “God help me to put you first in my life. AMEN” Then stomp on your idol!

Prayer:	Ask for Prayer Requests
Next week:	The Church in Philippi Philippians 1:1-18

