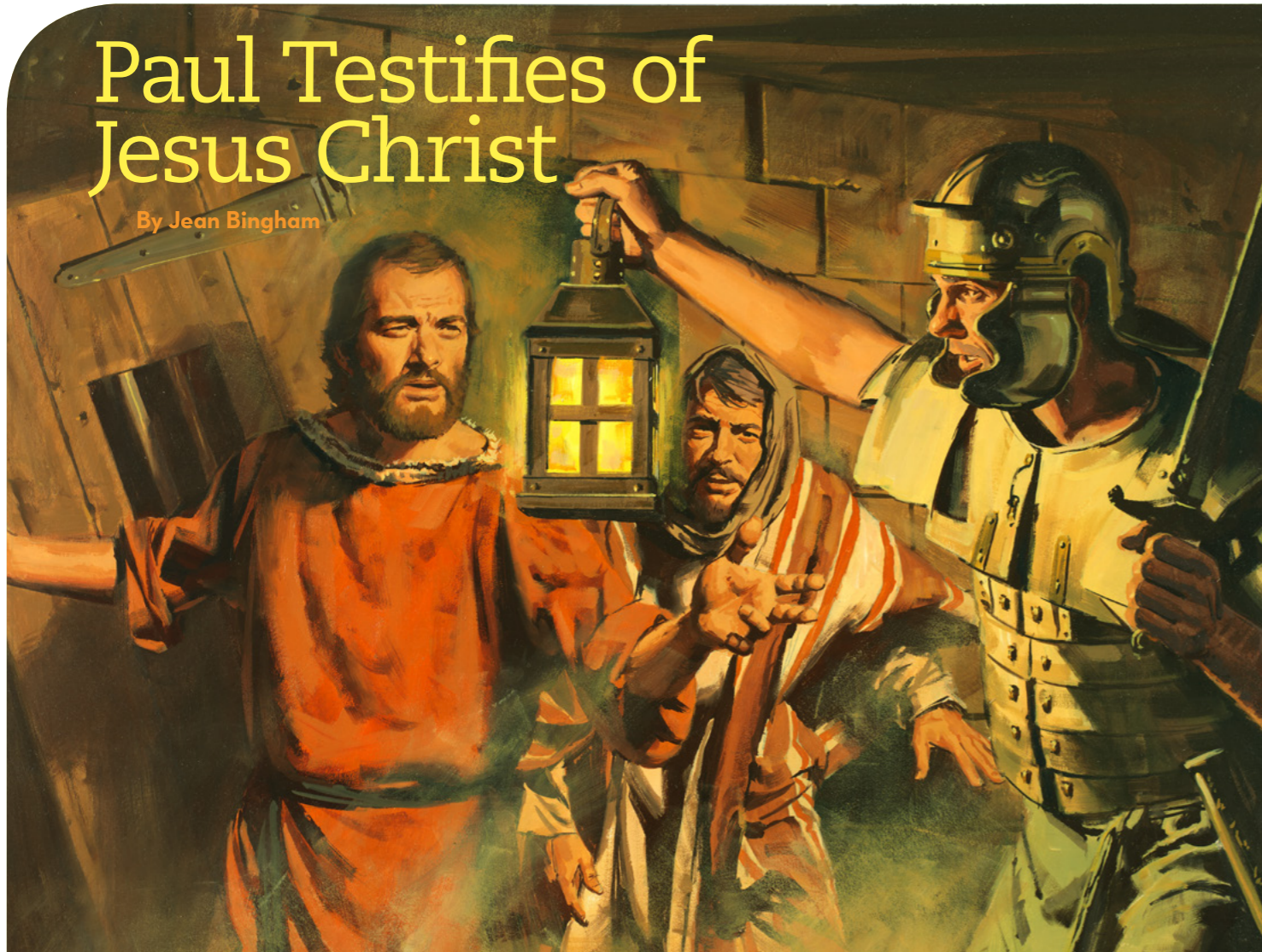


# Paul Testifies of Jesus Christ

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**H**ave you ever had to stand for the truth? Paul was an Apostle after Jesus Christ lived on the earth. Paul traveled to many places to preach the gospel. He and his companion, Silas, had to stand for the truth when they were sharing the gospel. In the land of Macedonia, people were angry with them for preaching. They beat Paul and Silas, locked their feet in chains, and put them in prison. But Paul and Silas prayed and praised God.

Then at midnight, an earthquake shook the ground. All the doors of the prison opened. The ropes and chains that held Paul and Silas loosened and fell off! The

jailer knew he would be in trouble if the prisoners ran away, but Paul and Silas didn't try to escape. The jailer knew they were men of God. He listened to their testimony of Jesus Christ. Then he and his family were baptized. (See Acts 16.)

We can also testify of Jesus Christ. Sometimes it is not easy, but we will be blessed when we share our testimony. President Thomas S. Monson said, "You be the one to make a stand for right, even if you stand alone. . . . Be a light for others to follow" ("Examples of Righteousness," *Ensign*, May 2008, 65). ♦

## WORD PUZZLES

Add and subtract letters from the first word to make new words. Number 1 has been done for you. Write the new words in the spaces to find two ways we can testify of Jesus Christ. Check your answers on page 48.

1. landing - l + st - ing

2. word - w + f - d

3. truck - ck + th

I will s t a n d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ .

1. well - w + b - ll

2. sign - s + l - n + ht

3. pillow - p + f - i + o

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## SCRIPTURE TIP

When you have a question about something in the scriptures, you can look it up in the Bible Dictionary or Guide to the Scriptures. Try looking up "Paul," "Pauline Epistles," or "Romans" to learn more.



## FAMILY TALK

Take turns acting out standing for truth if:

- Your classmates are cheating.
- You see someone being bullied.
- Someone says something untrue about the Church.
- Someone asks you to smoke or use drugs or drink alcohol, coffee, or tea.
- Your older sibling doesn't want to come to church anymore.
- Someone starts telling crude jokes.
- Your friend turns on a movie that makes you uncomfortable.

**Song:** "The Church of Jesus Christ" (*Children's Songbook*, 77)

**Scripture:** Acts 16:19-34



## LEARN MORE

Paul traveled to many places to teach about Jesus. After he left a place, he often sent letters to the people to teach them more about the gospel. Fourteen of those letters, called *epistles*, are in the New Testament, like those written to the Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, and Ephesians.

Try writing your own "epistle." Think of someone you would like to share the gospel with. Write down your testimony and mail it to them.

I can write my testimony. I'll call it the "Epistle of Matt."

You can mail it to Grandma!

