

THE TROUBLE WITH JEALOUSY

Read: Acts 17:1-9

Do you know what it means to be jealous? Have you ever seen someone eating an ice cream cone on a very hot day? It probably looked so yummy and cool that you wished you had one, too. That is the feeling of jealousy. It happens when you want something that someone else has.



Our story today told about some men who were jealous of Paul and Silas, but not because they were eating ice cream. These men were jealous because Paul and Silas came to their city and began telling others about Jesus. Many people listened and became Christians. The jealous men wanted the people to follow them, not Jesus, and that is what made them so upset. They caused a lot of trouble and even had one man put in jail because he was a friend to Paul and Silas.

Life Application: Jealousy can cause a lot of problems, can't it? The men in our story who were jealous did some very bad things. But Jesus wants us to be happy with what we have and not wish for things that belong to someone else.

Prayer: Dear Lord, I know that I get jealous sometimes and I am sorry. Please help me to remember all the good things You give me and be thankful for them. That will help me not be jealous. Amen

Memory Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.