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THE PRISON OPENED.

Acts 5 : 17-32

GOLDEN TEXT.

We ought to obey God rather than men.

Acts 5 : 29.

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(Will some one at home teach the child the lesson.)

LESSON HYMN.

If I ask our Father,
Grace for every day,
From his strength I'll gather
Courage to obey.

The Jewish rulers being angry because so many people believed the apostles' words, put them in prison. But the angel of the Lord at night opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go, speak in the temple all the words of life." When the high priest sent to the prison for the apostles, the officers came and told them that the prison doors were shut and the keepers were there, but the prisoners were gone. Then the rulers were greatly troubled. Soon they heard that the apostles were teaching in the temple. Then the officers brought them before the high priest. He asked, "Did not we tell you not to teach in this name? And now you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching." Then Peter said, "We ought to obey God rather than men." This made the rulers angry and at first they were going to kill the apostles, but after beating them they let them go, commanding them not to preach any more about Jesus.

What made the Jewish rulers angry at the apostles?
How did they treat them?

What did the angel of the Lord do and say?

What did the rulers learn when they sent for the apostles?

How did this make them feel?

What did they then do to the apostles?

What did Peter say to the rulers?

What was done at last to the apostles?

Lesson Truth—God will give me courage to obey him.