

# RYAN DEFRATES

SECRET AGENT

## EPISODE 5

Ryan Defrates: Secret Agent and the Three Ring Disaster



### KEY THEME: Joy

Happiness comes and goes, but joy last forever.



### MEMORY VERSE:

I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

- Phil. 4:12b-13)

### CASE FILE:



### SUBJECT:

Kackle the Clown, recently escaped from prison, former founder of Swivel Inc.

### OBJECTIVE:

In today's episode, Ryan goes undercover as "Giggles the Clown" and learns that God can give you joy even when things aren't going so well.



### DISCUSSION GUIDE:

1. In today's story, Ryan was having a really bad day. What was he most upset about? (He missed his dad) Have you ever had a really bad day or something sad happen to you? What happened?
2. When Ryan pretended to be happy, did it make him feel better? What are some things people do to try to make themselves happy? (eat candy, buy things, etc) Do these things last?
3. **Happiness** is just a feeling that comes and goes. But **joy** can be with us no matter what. How do we get joy? (Joy comes only from God. The bible says that joy is like a fruit that grows in our hearts the more we get to know Jesus. Galatians 5:22)
4. What are some ways you can grow your relationship with Jesus? (pray, read bible, praise him, etc)
5. In today's bible story, do you think Paul and Silas really felt like singing after they were beaten and chained? Then why did they do it? (They knew God was with them and was bigger than their problems.)

Next time you or someone you know is sad, remember Paul's secret! No matter how bad things get, God is always with you and can help you get through anything!



### BIBLE STORY:

Paul and Silas rejoice in prison (**Acts 16**)



About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God,  
and the other prisoners were listening to them. - Acts 16:25 NIV