



Unit 32, Session 1

Peter Escaped from Prison

Acts 12

Story Point: God rescued Peter from prison.

King Herod Agrippa put Peter into prison. While Peter was in prison, other believers in the church prayed and asked God to help him.

The king planned for Peter to be killed. The night before his execution, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers. All of a sudden, an angel of the Lord appeared and a bright light shone in Peter's prison cell. The angel struck Peter on the side and woke him up. The chains fell off of Peter's wrists. The angel led Peter out of the prison. Then the angel left. When Peter looked around, he realized the Lord had rescued him from prison and from certain death!

Peter hurried to the house of Mary, where the believers had gathered to pray. When Peter knocked at the door, a servant named Rhoda answered. She heard Peter's voice and

she was so happy she rushed back inside, leaving Peter standing outside. "Peter is here!" she announced.

But the others didn't believe her. Peter kept knocking, and when they opened the door, they could hardly believe it. Peter motioned to them to be quiet, and he told them how the Lord had rescued him from prison.

When the sun came up, the soldiers at the prison couldn't figure out what happened to Peter, and the king punished the soldiers because Peter had escaped.

Christ Connection: God answered the people's prayers for Peter. God had a plan for Peter and the church, and He rescued Peter from his enemies. Peter knew he would face death because he believed in Jesus, but he kept going so he could share the good news of the gospel.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Number the events in the order they happened.

_____ Rhoda answered the door, but she rushed back inside.

_____ Peter was sleeping in prison.

_____ Peter hurried to the house of Mary and knocked at the door.

_____ The chains fell off Peter's wrists and Peter got dressed.

_____ Peter went inside and told the believers how the Lord had rescued him.

_____ An angel of the Lord appeared in the prison and woke up Peter.

_____ The angel led Peter out of the prison.

- What does this story teach us about God?

- What did the believers do to help Peter?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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APPLY the Story

- Why was Peter in prison?
- Do you pray big prayers? Why or why not?
- What do we need to complete God's mission in the world?

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APPLY the Story

- Find Matthew 28:19-20 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking Him for hearing our prayers and answering them according to His good plan.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 5:10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Philippians 4:6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mark 11:24 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mark 11:24 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 8:26 | <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 8:26 |