



**Worship Illustration: Script**  
**Commander Cosmos**  
**Prophets & Promises 1: Acts - Revelation**  
**Unit 2, Lesson 10**

# **Peter Escapes from Prison**

**Acts 12:5-16**

**Running time:** Approximately 6 minutes

**Set:** The set for Units 1-4 is designed to look like the interior of the spaceship Skylab Omega. There are colored Plexiglas panels with lights behind them, computer parts, knobs, buttons, and a built-in view screen. The Command Center is on B-deck (upper level or stage right). A-deck (lower level or stage left) has a sliding entrance upstage center and a teleport. There is a tube where messages and the Bible can be received. The Virtual Bible is a screen or monitor displaying the Bible verses in the script. For extra fun, build windows where characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

**Characters:** Commander Cosmos is the pilot of Skylab Omega. He is a strong, confident leader with a bit of a strut in his walk. Dr. Helga Sominex is a quirky scientist who has a tendency to fall asleep mid-sentence. She has a German accent. Admiral Angel is the Star Fleet Commander. He wears a gold robe and appears only on video.

**Plot:** Commander accidentally locks himself in the Teleport and has to be rescued remotely by Admiral Angel. He tells Dr. Sominex about how God sent an angel to set Peter free from prison. We learn that God answers prayer.

**Costumes:** Commander Cosmos wears a space suit and boots. Dr. Sominex wears a lab coat, skirt, blouse, pigtails, and glasses.

**Props:** Bible, remote control, screwdriver

**Sound effects (SFX):**

1. Intro/outro music suggestion: Space-themed songs
2. Computer voice (See script.)
3. Airlock hiss
4. Plexiglas window suggestion: Handel's Messiah "Hallelujah Chorus." Music plays when window is opened to reveal Bible.
5. Computer keyboard typing sounds. (For more humorous elements, add SFX such as a cowbell, foghorn, etc.)
6. Virtual Bible theme suggestion: "Close Encounters" Theme

**Visual effects (VFX):**

1. Video Intro featuring space ships and rockets is available at ResourceWell.org
2. Admiral Angel video available at ResourceWell.org
3. Sliding Plexiglas window holds the Bible. When opened, light shines out and music plays.
4. Scripture Slide (on Virtual Bible): ***So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. Acts 12:5***
5. Closing Slide: "Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever!"
6. Fall back slide: Traveling rocket ship

**Adaptations:**

1. Sound Effects: instead of using recorded effects, have children make the sounds
2. Voiceovers: may be spoken off stage
3. This illustration is also available in storybook form at ResourceWell.org

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**Voiceover** (VFX: short video intro)

**Scripture ... the finest frontier. These are the voyages of Skylab Omega. Its five month mission to spread the Gospel to the galaxy, to share God's love with civilization, to boldly go where one Savior has gone before! Come with us now as we blast through the Bible with Commander Cosmos: Space Ranger!**

**Cosmos** (enters with remote and screwdriver)  
**Hello Space Cadets, Commander Cosmos here! Last week Captain Yago managed to sneak on board Skylab Omega so, I am going to increase Teleport security measures so it doesn't happen again. Let's see, establish new coordinates, check! Initiate Teleport locking device, check! Install new access codes, check! Okay, that ought to do it, now to take it for a test drive. (enters teleport) Computer, initiate Teleport testing sequence.**

**Computer V.O.**  
**Initiating Teleport testing sequence in 3-2-1. (SFX: Teleport sounds and fanfare, VFX: Strobes and fog)**

**Cosmos**  
**Excellent, everything is working. Now to test the locking device. Very good! It is locked down tight. Computer, release door lock.**

**Computer V.O.**  
**Certainly, enter new access code.**

**Cosmos**  
**What? What are you talking about?**

**Computer V.O.**  
**Please punch in new access code.**

**Cosmos**  
**Oh! The code! Oh sure, I'll punch it in. Uh-oh! I left the ship's remote out there. Computer, can you open the door for me?**

**Computer V.O.**  
**I'm sorry, Commander. I cannot do that. The locking device now requires a numerical code.**

**Cosmos**  
**Oh no, I'm locked in! What am I going to do? Help! Somebody help! Mayday! Mayday! All hands on deck!**

**Dr. Sominex** (enters)  
**I thought I heard someone calling.**

**Cosmos**  
**Doctor Sominex! Doctor Sominex!**

**Dr. Sominex**  
**There it goes again! Do you hear it?**

**Cosmos**  
**Doctor Sominex! It's me! Commander Cosmos: Space Ranger!**

**Dr. Sominex**  
**Oh, hello Commander!**

**Cosmos**  
**Let me out. I locked the door! I locked the door!**

**Dr. Sominex**  
**What's that, Commander? I can't hear you. Somebody locked the door.**

**Cosmos**  
**I know! I locked it! Can you see the remote ship's controller? It's kind of gray and...**

**Dr. Sominex**  
**Good idea. It's time to pray to the Lord, our ship's controller – to unlock the door and rescue you at once. (Folds hands, closes eyes and falls asleep during a silent prayer)**

**Cosmos**

**Dr. Sominex? Dr. Sominex? Dr. Sominex!!!**

**Dr. Sominex**

**Ah! The earth is closest to the sun during the winter solstice!**

**Cosmos**

**Dr. Sominex!**

**Dr. Sominex**

**Oh, hello Commander, how are you?**

**Cosmos**

**I'm still stuck! Can you see the remote? I laid it down over there.**

**Dr. Sominex**

**What's that? Lay down over here? All right. (lays down and snores)**

**Cosmos**

**No, no! I didn't say lay down! Dr. Sominex! Dr. Sominex! Dr. Sominex!!!**

**Dr. Sominex** (jumps up)

**Gravitation is a natural phenomenon by which objects with mass attract one another. That's science!**

**Cosmos**

**I know. Can you put in the code?**

**Dr. Sominex** (picks up remote)

**Oh sure, what is it?**

**Cosmos**

**It's 1-9-9-9.**

**Dr. Sominex**

**Nine! What a coincidence! That's my bed time. 1-9-9-- (snores)**

**Cosmos**

**Doctor Sominex! Doctor Sominex! Wake up! Oh no! It's hopeless.**

**Computer V.O.**

**Incoming message. Incoming message.**

**Admiral** (VFX: on video or on side stage)

**Come in, Skylab Omega, Admiral Angel here. We've received an intercessory distress signal from Dr. Sominex. Is everything okay?**

**Cosmos**

**Admiral Angel! (thankfully) Praise God! The Computer refuses to let me out of the Teleport without a code.**

**Admiral** (pushes button)

**Let me try the intercessor override.**

(SFX: Airlock hiss)

**Cosmos** (exits teleport)

**It worked! Thank you, Admiral! I'd be lost in space without you.**

**Admiral**

**That's what we're here for. Thanks for the signal, Dr. Sominex. Over and out! (VFX: video out)**

**Cosmos**

**Goodbye, Admiral Angel! Wow, it's always good to have an angel to rescue you. Hey, that reminds me of a story! Let me get the Bible out, right now! (Opens window, SFX: "Hallelujah Chorus," VFX: Beam of light shines from window)**

**Dr. Sominex** (jumps up)

**What? Gravitation accelerates all objects at the same rate! Commander Cosmos! You're free! Did I rescue you?**

**Cosmos**

**It seems that before you fell asleep, you prayed for me. Then Admiral Angel set me free.**

**Dr. Sominex**

**You were touched by an angel!**

**Cosmos**

**Well, the Bible has lots of stories of the Lord sending angels to answer the prayers of His people, like He did when Peter was in prison.**

**Dr. Sominex**

Peter went to prison?

**Cosmos**

Yes, King Herod had Peter arrested for sharing the good news about Jesus.

**Dr. Sominex**

They put him in prison just for telling people about Jesus?

**Cosmos**

Yes! In fact, Peter was guarded by four squads of four soldiers each and chained between two of them!

**Dr. Sominex**

He was chained up and surrounded by soldiers? There's no way anyone could escape that!

**Cosmos**

Ah, but there was something Herod didn't count on! Look what the Virtual Bible says. (VFX: Scripture slide, SFX: Virtual Bible theme)

*So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.*

**Dr. Sominex**

So they all came together to pray for Peter? That must have been a powerful prayer! Did God send a S.W.A.T. team?

**Cosmos**

Better yet, He sent an angel!

**Dr. Sominex**

Well, I hope the angel brought a hacksaw.

**Cosmos**

He didn't need one. The chains just fell off of Peter's wrists. They walked right past the guards and when they came to the iron city gate, it opened up.

**Dr. Sominex**

All by itself! Then what happened?!

**Cosmos**

Once Peter was free, the angel left, so Peter went to the house where his friends had gathered to pray for him. He knocked on the door.

**Dr. Sominex**

I bet they were excited to see him!

**Cosmos**

They didn't believe it was him! They thought there was no way he could escape from all of those guards and gates and chains!

**Dr. Sominex**

But they were the ones that were praying for Peter! Didn't they know that the Lord can answer any prayer - no matter how impossible?

**Cosmos**

I guess they learned about the power of prayer that night. And I learned that God can still send angels to rescue us today.

**Dr. Sominex**

Even if it's Admiral Angel! The Lord always hears our prayers, because ...say it with us, kids!

**All**

Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever! (SFX: Outro music, VFX: Fallback slide)

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