



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts - Revelation
Unit 2, Lesson 10

Peter Escapes from Prison

Lesson Aim: To join together in prayer and watch for God's answers.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is the most exciting rescue you have seen or heard about?

GAME: Prison Walls

THE WORSHIP THE SPIRIT WHO CHANGES US

Read Worship Scripture: Acts 4:30.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Commander Cosmos script or read storybook.

THE WORD PETER ESCAPES FROM PRISON

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God proved to Peter that He saves Gentiles as well as Jews.

If a Bible Timeline is available, point out Peter Escapes from Prison. **Today, we will see what happened while believers were praying together for Peter when he was in prison in Jerusalem.** Point out Jerusalem, Israel. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Acts 12:5-16. Find and Highlight Key Verse Acts 12:5 First. Pray. **This story takes place after King Herod unfairly had Peter put in prison.**

READERS' THEATRE: Let's act out our Bible passage.

THE WAY PRAYING TOGETHER

What did the believers do when King Herod put Peter in prison? (Gathered and prayed.) **Where were the guards when the angel came?** (Two were at Peter's side. The others stood watch.) **What happened to the chains on Peter's wrists?** (They fell off.) **What happened to the city's iron gate?** (It opened by itself.) **Did Peter or his friends plan the big escape?** (No. Peter was sleeping and his friends were praying.) **What did Peter have to do to be saved from prison?** (Follow the angel.) **All we have to do to be saved from our sins is follow Jesus.**

Where did Peter go when the angel freed him? (He went to tell other believers about this miracle.) **What did the believers say when the servant Rhoda announced Peter was at the door?** (They said she was out of her mind and that it was Peter's angel.) **What did Peter have to do?** (Keep knocking until they opened the door.) **Even though they were praying for Peter's safe return, they did not believe Rhoda. Have you ever been surprised to see God answer one of your prayers?**

Sit children in a circle for prayer. **Peter's friends prayed for him as he faced an impossible situation. Let's pray for any of your family members or friends who are facing an impossible situation.** Children share prayer requests and pray.

Why is it important for believers to pray together? Jesus promised that wherever two or more are gathered in His name, He is there. **When we gather to pray, we can encourage each other as we wait to see how God will answer our prayers. He always answers our prayers in one of three ways.** Display Treasure Treat: Three chain links. **This chain reminds us of the miracle when Peter's chains fell off his wrists. Each link stands for one way God answers our prayers.**

- 1. RIGHT AWAY:** A sudden miracle that all can see.
- 2. ALONG THE WAY:** An answer that comes slowly over a long time.
- 3. SOMEDAY:** An answer we will finally see when we get to heaven and can celebrate with Jesus in person!

CHRIST CONNECTION:

1000 years before God answered the believers' prayer for Peter, David wrote a song about the way God hears and answers our prayers. Reveal Psalm 65:2, 5. Find It First. Highlight. Read. **When do you pray? How has God answered your prayers?**

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Three chain links
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: The angel leading Peter out of prison
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Pray Together

GAME: Prayer Web

CRAFT: Prayer Pocket

DISCUSSION: Ask, Seek, and Knock

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Erase It, Then Say It; Balloon Toss

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW