



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
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. **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 in one place and prayed.) **What was Peter doing when the bright light and the angel appeared?** (Sleeping.) **Where were the guards?** (Two were at Peter's side while the others stood watch at the door.) **What happened to the chains around Peter's wrists?** (They fell off.) **Did the guards stop Peter and the angel from leaving?** (No.) **What happened to the city's iron gate?** (It opened by itself.)

Where did Peter go when the angel freed him from prison? (He went to tell other believers about this miracle.) **Even though the believers**

were praying for Peter's safe return, they didn't believe the servant Rhoda when she said Peter was at the door. What did Peter have to do when she did not open the door? (He had to keep knocking.) **Have you ever been surprised to see God answer one of your prayers?**

Seat children in a circle or other sitting arrangement 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.

Jesus promised that wherever two or more are gathered in His name, He is there with them. 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. Let's read a few lines from his song.

Reveal Psalm 65:2, 5. 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