



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts - Revelation
Unit 2, Lesson 10

Peter Escapes from Prison

Lesson Aim: To know that praying together is important.

THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "Pray to God."

THE WORSHIP THE SPIRIT WHO CHANGES US

Sing Bible Memory Verse and other related songs.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the Holy Spirit who changes us. Sing Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse Song: "A New Creation."

Every time we pray to God, we are changed because we grow closer to Him. That reminds me of our Whisper Verse: Let's try it together. Review the Whisper Verse together: "Pray to God." Include sign language.

In today's story, Peter's friends came together in one place to pray to God. We have come together in this place to pray to God, too. First, let's collect our offering and ask God to use the money to help people grow closer to Him. Leader prays and all sing: "Let Everything That Has Breath" while collecting the offering.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

Today, we will hear a story about what happened to Peter when his friends prayed to God for him while he was in prison.

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

After the angel helped Peter escape, Peter went to the house where his friends were together praying for him. He knocked on the door. His friends were very surprised to see God had answered their prayer to free Peter. When we pray, it is important to remember there is nothing our God cannot do. Sing: "Mighty to Save."

We must always remember to pray together as Peter's friends did. Prayer changes us—it brings us closer to God and to each other. Sing: "How Wide."

THE WORD PETER ESCAPES FROM PRISON CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we learned God showed Peter He loves everyone. Today, we will see how God sent an angel to rescue Peter from prison. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Acts 12:10.

WATCH THE WORD: ACTS 12:5-17

Read poem. Display visual.

- **Peter was locked in a prison.**
- **His hands were tied in chains.**
- **He fell asleep between two guards,**
- **Then, a light and an angel came.**

- **"Quick, get up!" the angel said;**
- **Peter's chains fell to the ground.**
- **"Get dressed. Get your shoes. Follow me!"**
- **Then, the angel led Peter right out.**

- **The city gate opened all by itself.**
- **Peter knocked on his friends' door.**
- **All were surprised that Peter was free.**
- **Their prayers had been heard by the Lord!**

What happened when Peter and the angel came to the iron city gate? (It opened by itself.) **Let's find our answer in the Bible.** Read Acts 12:10 from the teacher's Bible.

What did Peter's friends do? (Prayed together to God.) **Our Whisper Verse tells us the answer. Let's say it together: "Pray to God."** Include sign language or hand motions.

THE WAY WE CAN PRAY TOGETHER

CRAFT: Escape at the Gate

GAMES: Escape from Prison, The Chains Fall Down

SNACK: Praying Together

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Acts 12:5-17

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: New Hearts, "New Heart" Memory Pass

STORY TIME