

PETER ESCAPES FROM PRISON

(Additional Teacher Notes)

A. Preparation

Have you ever heard of Alcatraz? Alcatraz is in California near San Francisco. It's an island that has a prison built on it. The prison isn't used anymore, but during the years that it was a working prison, nobody ever escaped. Escape was impossible because even if the prisoners could get outside the walls, they would have to swim a long way through shark-infested waters to reach the mainland. In today's lesson, we will learn how God once sent an angel to help Peter escape from a prison even when escape seemed impossible.

OUTER AIM Peter escapes from prison

B. Presentation

C. Penetration

The main fact of the story is that Peter escaped from prison with the help of God. But the inner aim is the idea that God can deliver all his chosen ones from any evil that comes to them.

Sample Question Sequence

Why was Peter arrested and thrown into prison?
How do you think Peter felt while he was in prison?
What were the other believers doing while Peter was in prison?
How did God answer their prayers?
How did Peter escape from prison?

Can you think of a time God helped you when you were in trouble?
If God could help Peter escape from prison, do you think he can help you when bad things happen?
How does God deliver us from evil?

INNER AIM Jesus delivers His children from all evil

D. Application

What does it mean for us that Jesus delivers us from all evil? It means we can preach the word of God without fear just as Peter did after he was freed from prison.

E. Drill and Review

See worksheets