

Peter Delivered From Prison

Acts 12

“ARISE UP
QUICKLY”



The Story

The Apostle Peter loved Jesus and served Him. A king named Herod didn't believe in Jesus. Many other people did not like those who loved Jesus either. To make those people happy, King Herod put Peter in jail. Peter always had four guards around his place in the prison. Friends of Peter prayed to God that Peter would remain safe and be let go soon.

One night, while Peter was sleeping, an angel came into his jail cell. A bright light filled the room. The angel touched Peter on the side to wake him up. "Quick, get up!" he said. The chains on Peter's wrists fell off. The angel then told Peter to get dressed and follow him. Peter did, but he thought he was just dreaming. The two passed by the guards. The guards didn't even notice them.

Peter followed the angel. When they came to locked gates, the gates

miraculously unlocked and opened on their own. At the end of the street, the angel left and Peter realized he was awake! He walked to a friend's house. People were gathered there to pray for him. The doorkeeper named Rhoda was so surprised to see Peter that she forgot to let him in. Everyone was very happy that Peter was free.

The next morning, the soldiers were very confused. They could not find Peter. They looked hard, but he was gone.

Some time after this happened, King Herod gave a speech to a group of people in his kingdom. The people told him he was a god. Herod agreed. He should have given all praise to God, but he didn't. Because he didn't, an angel of God let Herod get sick and he died.

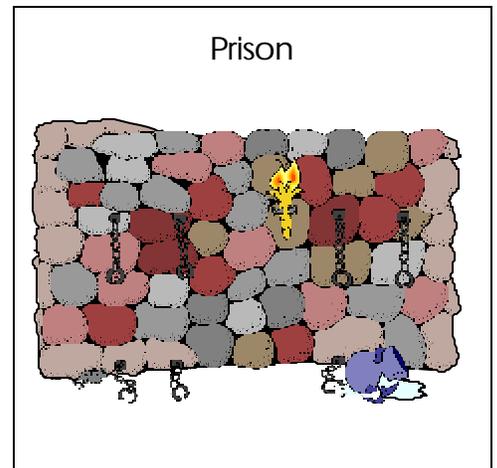
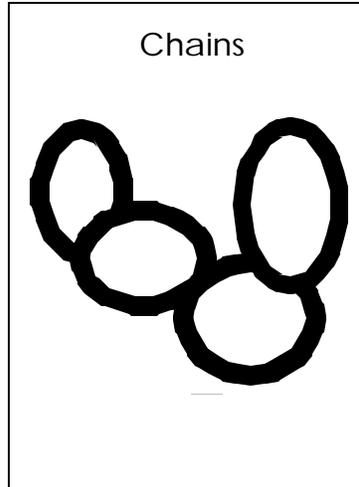
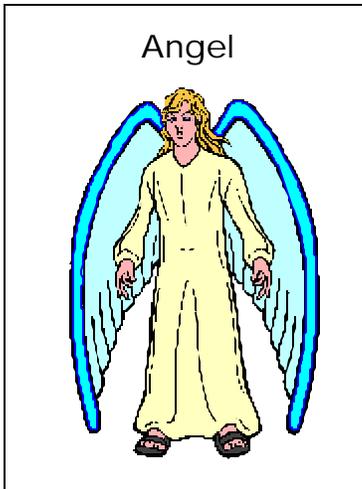
Do you think that Herod stopped the truth about Jesus from spreading?

God delivered Peter from prison.

Activity One - Teacher: read the following statements. Student: circle the letter of the person who *might* have said each sentence. (P)eter (K)ing (A)ngel

1. P K A "I know that Jesus is with me, even in prison."
2. P K A "I want to hurt those believers in Jesus."
3. P K A "Get dressed and follow me!"
4. P K A "I am not dreaming, I really am free!"
5. P K A "How did Peter get past the guards?"
6. P K A "Quick, get up!"

Activity Two - Tell how each of these pictures belongs in the story today.



Activity Three - Read each statement. Decide if it is true or false, then circle True or False.

1. True False King Herod helped Peter escape from prison.
2. True False Rhoda was so excited that Peter was alive, she forgot to let him in.
3. True False Five guards watched Peter in his cell.
4. True False Peter's friends were happy that God helped Peter escape.

God delivers His chosen ones from all evil.

Passages

Psalm 50:15 - Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

Matthew 7:7 - Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Matthew 18:20 - For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.

Hymn - TLH #658 v. 1, 3

Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.
Christ, the royal Master,
Leads against the Foe;
Forward into battle
See His banners go!
Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.

Crowns and thrones may perish,
Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never
'Gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise,
And that cannot fail.
Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,
We have learned today how You saved Peter when he was put in jail for believing in You. Each day, because of sin, we are tempted to not trust that You will help us in all kinds of trouble. Please help us to put all our trust in You. Help us remember that You loved us so much that You sent Jesus to die for our sins so we can look forward to Heaven. Thank You for sending Jesus and Helping us in all our troubles. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.