

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 1, Session 3

CONNECTION POINT:

We can ask God to do the impossible and trust Him with the outcome.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: There are moments in life when everything feels out of control. Yet, as followers of Christ, we are never truly without hope. When life seems overwhelming, one of the greatest gifts God has given us is the ability and invitation to pray. Prayer is not a last resort or a stab in the dark; it's our lifeline to the One who holds all things together.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to live out his or her faith.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Acts 12:1-19

Live It Out: Review the Bible story. Talk friends that need help. Write a list and help your child pray and ask God to help his friends.

King Herod did not want people to hear about Jesus. He put Peter in jail for telling people about Jesus. Peter's church friends gathered to pray for him.

An angel appeared to Peter and said, "Quick, get up." The chains fell off Peter. The angel said, "Follow me." Peter obeyed and followed the angel. The angel led Peter to the city gate which opened for them. Then the angel left. Peter knew that God sent the angel.

Peter went to the house where his church friends were praying. He knocked on the door. A girl named Rhoda heard Peter's voice and was excited. She ran to tell the others. She did not even open the door to let Peter in!

"Peter is at the door!" she said. Peter knocked again. When Peter's friends opened the door, they were amazed to see him. Peter told his friends how God had helped him.

KIDS

Scripture: Acts 12:1-19

Live It Out: Discuss the importance of prayer. Make a list of people your family knows who need prayer. Devote a time every day to praying with your child for people on this list.

Peter was in jail, guarded by soldiers. Peter's friends prayed for Peter's release.

As Peter slept. Suddenly, an angel appeared, and Peter's prison cell was bright with light.

"Quick, get up!" the angel said. The Peter's chains fell off! Then the angel said, "Get dressed. Put on your sandals and your cloak and follow me."

Peter thought he was dreaming, but followed the angel. Then the angel disappeared.

Peter realized God sent the angel. He went to the house where his friends were praying.

A servant heard Peter knock at the gate and heard his voice. She forgot to open the door.

The people did not believe her that Peter was there. When they went to the gate and saw Peter, they were very happy.

Peter told his friends how God rescued him from prison. Then he went to another place.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Acts 12:1-19

- When you face an overwhelming situation, do you try to handle it yourself, or do you go to God in prayer?
- How do you respond when you feel trapped by your own difficulties?
- Have you ever been surprised by the way God answered a prayer, perhaps in a way you didn't expect? Explain.

Live It Out:

This week, talk to your student about creating a welcoming group environment in his or her Bible study group at church. Ask your student how he or she could help create a group environment where members welcome God's unexpected answers, celebrate who He is, and encourage one another to surrender their expectations to God's greater story. Then, consider how you could create this environment in your home.