

CHAMPS



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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PRAY FOR WISDOM:

Precious Father, you are always listening to our prayers and You never tire of hearing from us. Thank You for inviting us to lift up our joys and troubles to You. Prompt me often to pray for the needs of the children, making me continually mindful of the privilege of prayer.

Lord, reveal to these preschoolers that You do hear and answer prayers. Make them aware of Your answers to their prayers each day. I pray in Jesus' name, amen.

LESSON MEMORY VERSE:

Acts 12:5 "Peter's friends prayed for him."

LESSON: GREAT ESCAPE (BASED ON ACTS 12:1-17)

Peter loved God. He told many people how wonderful Jesus is. But King Herod didn't want anyone to talk about Jesus. So, Herod decided to punish Peter. Even though Peter had done nothing wrong, Herod put Peter in jail—to stop him from talking to others.

King Herod told his soldiers to guard Peter carefully. They chained Peter up so he couldn't get away. They watched Peter closely day and night. They were not going to let him get away!

All the time that Peter was in jail, his friends prayed for him. They prayed day and night. They prayed night and day. Peter's friends prayed and prayed and prayed.

Hooray! Hooray! God hears us when we pray!

God cares! God cares! He answers all our prayers!

The night before Peter was to be punished, God sent an angel to the jail. Suddenly a light showed in the dark cell where Peter was sleeping. The angel touched Peter on the side to awaken him. "Get up! Get dressed!" said the angel. "Follow me!" Right then, Peter's chains fell off!

"I must be having a dream," Peter thought. But Peter wasn't having a dream. An angel was helping him escape from jail! Peter followed the angel. They walked right past the soldiers who were guarding him. The soldiers didn't even see them! Soon they came to the heavy prison gate that was always locked. It opened all by itself! Now they were outside the jail! Peter and the angel walked down the street. Then the angel disappeared, and Peter was alone.

Peter finally realized what God had done. There were no chains on his arms and legs. There were no guards beside him. "It's all true. God sent an angel to rescue me!"

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Peter hurried to tell his friends what the Lord had done. He knocked on the door of the house where they were praying. A girl named Rhoda came to the door. When she heard Peter's voice, Rhoda became so excited that she forgot to unlock the door! Instead, she left Peter outside and ran back to tell everyone that Peter was there. At first, Peter's friends didn't believe that it was true. They thought Peter was still in jail. But when they went to the door, Peter was really there! God had answered their prayers.

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ACTIVITIES:

Prayer Card (supplies: sheets of paper, markers to draw pictures,)

Have the children draw a few things on the card that they can pray for. Have them take the cards home to help them to remember to pray for people who need God's special help.

Follow the Angel

Tell the children you will be like the angel that God sent to free Peter from the jail. Tell them they need to follow you wherever you go, just like Peter followed the angel. Lead the children around the room, doing a variety of movements and speeds, such as tiptoeing, standing tall, sneaking slowly crouched low, and hopping!

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