

Large Group Leader:

Time	Slide	What to Do	Materials
10 minutes	1	Set up Computer with songs on Youtube, google slides powerpoint for today	
3 minutes	2	Start timer. Invite classes to join	Timer video
2 minutes	3	Welcome kids Collect the offering: For the Philippines, to buy a sink.	Offering bag
	4	Birthdays: Emma VanDorp	
2 minutes	5-6	<p>Call to Worship:</p> <p>Leader: Come, people of God, and hear the story of the Lord's power! When Peter was locked in chains, the church prayed.</p> <p>People: And God sent an angel to set him free!</p> <p>Leader: The Lord still hears the prayers of His people. He still works in ways we cannot imagine.</p> <p>People: We will praise the God who opens prison doors, breaks chains, and brings light into the darkness.</p> <p>Leader: Come, let us worship the God who rescues!</p> <p>All: We worship the God who saves!</p>	Bible

	7	New Song: Video 10,000 reasons Can do the whole song	
	8	Memory Verse: Galatians 5:22-23 But the Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.	
	9	Song: The Fruit of the Spirit	
		Choose to do another song here using youtube if you want	
	10	Tell the story (see notes from story if you wish to tell it from here)	
3 minutes	11	Watch the video of the story	powerpoint
		Ask a few questions: see "Review the Bible Story" page 92 1. What did the church do while Peter was in prison? <i>Pray</i> 2. What was Peter doing when the angel rescued him? <i>He was asleep</i> 3. Who rescued Peter? Where did he go? 4.	
2 minutes	13	Pray with the kids Thank you God that you hear our prayers. Thank You for loving Your church and helping us in hard times. Give us hearts that trust You no matter what we face. Amen.	
	14	Talk about the BINGO page "Where's the Word?" Encourage kids to continue to read the Bible at home and bring their paper back in when they get Bingo!	
1 minute	18	Do the blessing with them: May the Lord Bless You and Keep you.	

		May he make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favour and give you peace."	
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INTRODUCE the Bible Story

1 INTRODUCE THE SESSION (3 minutes)

Show the countdown video as you transition to introduce the Bible story. Set it to end as the session begins.

SAY 🗣️ Hi, kids! My name is [your name]. I am glad to see you today! As we get ready to hear our Bible story, raise up your Bible if you brought it with you. [Distribute Bibles to kids who need one.]

Today, we will learn that Peter was in trouble. He was put in prison and it looked like he would be killed for his faith in Jesus. Yet, God chose to rescue Peter and answer the prayers of His church. We'll see how God had a plan for Peter and His church. 🙏

2 BIG PICTURE QUESTION (1 minute)

SAY 🗣️ What is the church? [Allow responses.] The answer we've learned is, **The church is all Christians everywhere, who gather together in their communities to worship and serve God.** Let's say that together: **The church is all Christians everywhere, who gather together in their communities to worship and serve God.**

One way the church worships and serves God is through prayer. We spend time sharing prayer requests, giving God praises, and praying for one another. God hears our prayers and wants us to talk with Him. Going to God in prayer is a way to worship Him. It's also a way to serve others as we pray for their needs. Today, we will learn how the church had gathered together to pray for Peter. They asked God to help Peter as he was in prison. Let's get ready to learn how God answered the church's prayers. 🙏

3 REVIEW THE TIMELINE (1 minute)

Show the giant timeline. Point to individual Bible stories as you review.

SAY 🗣️ When Stephen was killed because of his faith in Jesus, many believers in Jerusalem scattered to other towns. While many Jewish leaders wanted to stop the church, God used their wicked plans to grow His church and spread the church further into the world. Peter and other disciples shared the good news of Jesus everywhere they went, both to Jews and Gentiles. Many people believed and the church grew.

But many leaders continued to harm Christians and stop the gospel from being shared. Today, we will learn that Peter was arrested because of his faith in Jesus. Let's get ready to hear how the church responded to this difficult circumstance. 🙏



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LEARN the Bible Story

1 TELL THE BIBLE STORY: VIDEO OR STORYTELLER (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to Acts 12. Use the Bible storytelling tips to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “Peter Was Rescued from Prison.” Use the bold text to retell or review the story.

PETER WAS RESCUED FROM PRISON

“ King Herod Agrippa was persecuting believers in the church. He killed James, one of Jesus’ apostles. When the king saw how happy this made the Jews, he arrested Peter too. The king put Peter into prison and assigned groups of soldiers to keep guard. While Peter was in prison, other believers in the church prayed and asked God to help him.

The king planned for Peter to be killed. **The night before his trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers. He was in chains, and other soldiers stood guard at the gate of the prison. All of a sudden, an angel of the Lord appeared and a bright light shone in Peter’s prison cell.**

The angel struck Peter on the side and woke him up. **“Quick, get up!” the angel said. The chains fell off of Peter’s wrists. The angel told Peter to get dressed, so Peter put on his sandals and his cloak. Then he followed the angel.** Peter wasn’t sure what was happening; he thought he was seeing a vision.

The angel led Peter out of the prison, past the guards, through the gate, and onto the streets. Then the angel left. When Peter looked around, he realized the Lord had rescued him from prison and from certain death!

Peter hurried to the house of Mary, the mother of John Mark, where the believers had gathered to pray. When Peter knocked at the door, a servant named Rhoda answered. She heard Peter’s voice and she was so happy she rushed back inside, leaving Peter standing outside. “Peter is here! He is at the door!” she announced.

But the others didn’t believe her. “You’re crazy!” they said. Peter kept knocking, and when they opened the door, they could hardly believe it. Peter motioned to them to be quiet, and he told them how the Lord had rescued him from prison.

“Tell James, Jesus’ half-brother, and the other brothers about this,” Peter said. Then he left. When the sun came up, the soldiers at the prison couldn’t figure out what happened to Peter, and the king punished the soldiers because Peter had escaped.

Christ Connection: God answered the people’s prayers for Peter. God had a plan for Peter and the church, and He rescued Peter from his enemies. Peter knew he would face death because he believed in Jesus, but he kept going so he could share the good news of the gospel. ☺

STORYTELLING TIPS

Display chains: Lead kids to hold up the paper chains they made from the session starter activity or display paper chains you created as you tell how Peter was bound in chains.

Shine light: Begin telling the story with the lights off. Then shine a flashlight when you get to the part about the angel appearing.



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2 REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

SAY “ King Herod Agrippa had James killed and Peter thrown in prison. King Herod Agrippa wanted to kill Peter too. What did the church do while Peter was in prison? [Allow responses.] The church prayed! They asked God to rescue Peter from prison. God’s people have hearts that want to talk with Him and come to Him for all their needs. Prayer is the way we come into God’s presence. Prayer is how we talk and listen to God so that we can be comforted by Him, experience His peace, and strengthen our faith in Him.

God heard the church’s prayers and sent an angel to rescue Peter. What was Peter doing when the angel rescued him? [Allow responses.] Peter had been asleep when the angel came to rescue him. Why do you think Peter was able to sleep in prison, knowing that his good friend James had just been killed? [Allow responses.] Perhaps Peter trusted God no matter what he faced, even if it was death. Peter was willing to die for the gospel because he had faith that even if he died for Jesus, he would live forever with Him.

God used the prayers of His people to rescue Peter from prison. God may not always answer our prayers how we want Him to or how we think He should. But God always hears our prayers and as we pray, we grow to trust God more. As the church meets together, we can pray for Christians around the world who may be suffering, like Peter, trusting that God hears our prayers. ”

3 CHRIST CONNECTION

SAY “ God answered the people’s prayers for Peter. God had a plan for Peter and the church, and He rescued Peter from his enemies. Peter knew he would face death because he believed in Jesus, but he kept going so he could share the good news of the gospel. ”

(Tip: Use Scripture and the Gospel Plan Poster to explain how to become a Christian. Make sure kids know when and where they can ask questions.)

4 QUESTIONS FROM KIDS (3 minutes)

Show the “Unit 32, Session 4” questions from kids video. Prompt kids to discuss:

1. How do we know God is real?
2. How can you help others know God is real and that He sent Jesus to save us from sin?

5 MISSIONS MOMENT (3 minutes)

Display the “McCaman Family Photos” and a world map as you tell the kids about the church planters. Point to the different locations on the map as you tell the kids where the McCamans have served.

SAY “ Pastor David McCaman and his wife, Jennifer, are church planters in Boynton Beach, Florida, with Gospel City Church. The McCamans believe that God used past ministry opportunities to prepare them to be church planters in South Florida. They have led churches in Tennessee, Florida, and in Bangkok, Thailand. While in Bangkok, the McCamans learned how to creatively



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explain God’s love to the people. Pastor David said: ‘We learned to trust God to change hearts and draw those far from Him to Himself. It taught us to be faithful to the mission and trust God with the results.’ 🙏

Tell kids that while serving in Tennessee at LifePoint Church, the McCamans desired to “Live Sent”—or be on mission sharing Jesus with others. Explain that even though starting new churches comes with many challenges, the McCamans want to share the gospel so that people will trust in Jesus and be saved from their sin. Remind kids that praying for other believers is a way the church can worship and serve God. Ask God to help Gospel City church reach many people for Jesus.

6 KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Show the key passage poster. Lead kids in reading aloud 1 Corinthians 12:12 together.

SAY 🗣️ Our body has many parts—eyes, ears, legs, hands, arms, feet, knees, and elbows! Each part is used in different, but important ways. The same is true for the church. The Bible calls the church the body of Christ. We all have different jobs, but each is needed. 🙏

Lead kids to stand up and follow you as you point to your eyes, ears, nose, shoulders, knees, etc. While pointing to different body parts, say the key passage aloud. Then invite a kid to point to body parts and help lead in saying the key passage aloud. Repeat as time allows.

Lead kids to sing “Many Parts (1 Corinthians 12:12).” You may also choose to sing a worship song of your choice.

7 PRAY (2 minutes)

Invite kids to pray before transitioning to Love.

SAY 🗣️ Thank You, God, that You hear our prayers. Thank You for loving Your church and helping us in hard times. Give us hearts that trust You no matter what we face. Amen. 🙏

Transition from **LEARN** to **LOVE**

