

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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CONVERSATION

People Prayed for Peter

ACTS 12:1-19

Peter was arrested and put in jail. Sixteen of King Herod's soldiers guarded Peter, but Peter's friends did not give up. They prayed and prayed for Peter's release.

The night before Peter was to be put on trial, he was chained between two soldiers. Two more soldiers guarded the door. Peter slept. Suddenly, an angel appeared, and Peter's prison cell was bright with light.

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

Peter obeyed, but he did not understand what was happening. He thought he was dreaming. The angel led Peter past the first guard post. They walked past the second guard post. When they reached the iron gate into the city, it opened by itself! Peter followed the angel to the next street, and then the angel disappeared.

Peter said, "Now I know God sent His angel to rescue me from Herod!" As soon as Peter realized this, he went to the house of Mary, John Mark's mother, where his friends were praying.

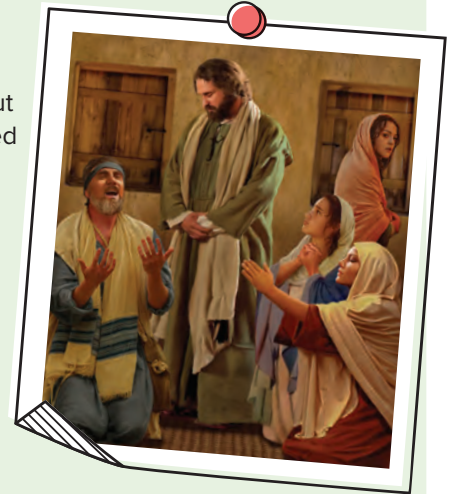
Peter knocked on the door of the gate. A servant named Rhoda came to answer. When Rhoda heard Peter's voice, she was so excited that she ran back inside and left Peter standing outside!

"You're crazy!" Peter's friends told Rhoda when she announced who was outside. "It's his angel," they said. Meanwhile, still outside, Peter kept on knocking. When his friends finally opened the door, they were amazed!

Peter told his friends how God rescued him from prison. "Tell James and the others," Peter said. Then he went away to a safe place.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Psalm 54:2

LIFE POINT: The church prays for others and their needs.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today your child learned that the church prays for others and their needs. After Herod put Peter in prison, church friends prayed for Peter's safety. How does your family pray for people and their needs?



LIVE IT OUT

Does your child know the importance of praying for people? Guide your child to make a list of people your family knows who need prayer. Devote a time every day to praying with your child for the people on your list.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God uses the church to meet the needs of people in the community and around the world.



DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Psalm 54:2

Monday: 1 Timothy 2:1

Tuesday: Job 42:10

Wednesday: James 5:16

Thursday: Matthew 5:44

Friday: 2 Chronicles 7:14

Saturday: Ephesians 6:18



TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out the *People Prayed for Peter* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.

SUMMER 2020

Unit 1, Session 3

CONNECTION POINT:

Our hope in Christ points others to Him.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: In the game “Which one of these things is not like the other,” the child looks at three or four things and has to pick the one that stands out as different. In a much more serious way, Christians are to stand out from their culture. We live in the culture, but we also stand apart from it. The transformed life that results from faith in Christ should lead to a marked difference in the way a believer thinks and behaves.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Acts 12:1-19

Live It Out: Say the Weekly Verse with your child. Make a list of people for whom your family can pray. Take turns praying for each person. Encourage praying with her own words.

The king put Peter in jail. Peter’s church friends gathered to pray for him.

Peter was asleep in the jail. An angel appeared and said, “Quick, get up.” Chains fell off of Peter, and the gates unlocked. Peter followed the angel into the city. Then the angel left.

Peter knew that God had sent the angel to rescue him. Peter went to the house where his church friends were praying. He knocked. A girl came to open the door, but when she heard it was Peter, she ran back inside without opening the door.

When Peter’s friends opened the door, they were surprised to see him. Peter told his friends how God had helped him. Peter thanked his church friends for praying for him. Peter left to go to another place.

KIDS

Scripture: Acts 12:1-19

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

King Herod put Peter in jail for teaching about Jesus. The church prayed for Peter.

Peter was chained with a soldier on each side of him. Other soldiers stood at the door.

An angel appeared and said, “Get up quickly. Get dressed. Put on your sandals. Follow me.” The chains fell off and Peter obeyed.

The angel led Peter to the city where the gate opened by itself! Then the angel left Peter.

Peter hurried to Mary’s house where the church was praying. He knocked at the outer gate. The servant girl named Rhoda came to the gate. When she heard Peter’s voice, she hurried to tell the others. She was so excited she forgot to let Peter inside!

The people door. There was Peter, still knocking! Peter told what had happened. Then he left to hide from the king.

STUDENTS

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:4-15

- What are the implications of Jesus Christ being the cornerstone of the church?
- How does it make you feel to know that God chose you to be a part of His family? Why?
- Why is doing good an effective testimony to the world for hope in Christ?

Live It Out: God relates to His people according to His covenant promises, and even though we aren’t always faithful to Him, God keeps His promises and always has and always will be faithful to us. We know God will follow through on His promises, and we can expect good things in the future—even when they seem tough in the here-and-now.

With your student, look up a few verses on the hope we have for eternity. Challenge each other to memorize Psalm 43:5 and take heart the hope for eternity found in it.