



ACTS 12

PETER'S ESCAPE FROM PRISON

Scripture: Acts 12:1-19

Open: Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

Main Takeaway: God sent an angel to rescue Peter from prison and death.

Supplies: Paper cut into 2-inch strips and pencils/colored pencils.

Ask:

Who remembers what we talked about last week? (Peter and Cornelius and the vision of the lowering sheet).

Today, we're going to hear another story about Peter. This one is quite miraculous. As the Good News of Jesus spread, so did persecution. People wanted to imprison and kill the followers of Jesus. It took very brave men and women to pass on the good news of Jesus to future believers, which was eventually passed down to us. We owe a lot to these brave men and women who, filled with the Spirit, bravely stood for the truth.

Read: Acts 12:1-19

Ask:

How would you have felt as Peter?

How would you have felt as John? (If the children are older, point out that John's brother James was killed by Herod, meanwhile, Peter was rescued. God can always rescue us, but sometimes his plans are different. Sometimes, people aren't rescued or healed in the ways we want. But God is still in control and John still followed Jesus even after.)

What do you find interesting or funny about this story?

Do a Craft:

This craft will likely take the rest of the time. Have the kids create their own flip book of the story. Staple together at least 30 2-inch strips into a book form for each child. Have the kids create a flip book where they flip the book and it creates a moving picture of the story. Have them begin with Peter in prison and tell the story of his miraculous escape through pictures. They're pictures will have to change only a little for the flip effect to work.

Memorize Acts 12:5

Close in Prayer