

## Parents Connect

**Bible Story:**  
Peter Was Rescued from Jail (Acts 12:1-18)

**Bible Phrase:**  
"God is with us." (Amos 5:14)

**Bible Truth:**  
God is with us and helps us obey Him.



## God's Unfolding Story



1. God created everything.



2. People disobeyed God.



3. God chose a special people.



4. God sent Jesus to help us.



5. Jesus began the Church.



6. Jesus is preparing heaven for us.



## Unfolding God's Story For Parents

We have been looking at how Jesus used special helpers to start the church. This story will remind us of how Peter spent his life teaching people about Jesus. This story tells us how Peter was imprisoned because he was teaching about Jesus. The best part is that he was miraculously released!



around him. Peter knew his life was in danger. As soon as Peter's friends heard he was in jail, they began praying and asking God to help Peter.

On the night before Herod was going to have Peter killed, Peter went to sleep with the chains on his wrists and guards all around him. During the night God sent an angel to lead him out of the jail.

"Quick, get up!" said the angel.

Talk with your preschooler:

Ask, "How do you feel when someone is mean to you?" Explain "Peter was doing the right thing, telling people about Jesus and helping people. Some important people were afraid that many others would begin to love Jesus then they might not be as important. Listen to the story hear what happened!

Tell the story.

Ask, "How did Peter get out of the chains and the prison?" Explain, "God took care of Peter and He takes care of us." Share the verse and talk about ways that we can help others. Pray together all through the week.

Suddenly the chains fell off Peter's wrists. Then the angel told Peter, "Get dressed and put on your sandals and your coat." So he obeyed the angel's instructions. Then the angel said, "Follow me." Peter and the angel walked right past the guards and out into the street! They walked outside the city, and then suddenly the angel was gone.

Peter knew that God had helped him escape from the jail. Right away he went to the home of his friends. They were so excited to see Peter. He told everyone how God had brought him out of the jail. That night God saved Peter from the king's evil plan, and Peter continued to tell others about Jesus.

## Activity Suggestion

### Make a Jail

Use a small shoe box, or other small cardboard box. Parents should make a cut out for a door and then let your preschooler cover the box with paper so that it can be colored to look like bars of a jail. Use small sticks stuck into play dough to make Peter and the guards and the angel. Use paper glued or taped to the stick to look like a person. As you work together let your preschooler retell the story.

## Bible Story

### Peter Was Rescued from Jail (Acts 12:1-18)

Many people were hearing about Jesus and believing that He was God's Son—but some tried to stop those who were sharing the good news about Jesus. They even threatened to put them in jail. King Herod was a wicked king who ruled over the Jewish people. He did not want anyone to know about Jesus. One day, Jesus' friend Peter was teaching about Jesus, and King Herod had him arrested. Peter was taken to jail. Chains were placed around his wrists and guards were posted