

## People Prayed For Peter-Children's LifeGroup June 21<sup>st</sup>

Scripture Reference: Acts 12:1-19

**Preschool Life Point:** People at church pray for others.

**School Age LifePoint:** The church prays for others and their needs.

**June Memory Verse:** Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. Psalm 95:6 **Send Mrs. Stephanie a video reciting the verse for a reward.**

### **Bible Story:**

Peter told many people about Jesus. King Herod did not want people to hear about Jesus. 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 Rhonda came to answer. When Rhonda 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 Rhonda when she announced who was outside. "It's his angel," they said. Meanwhile, still outside, Peter kept 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.

### **Review Questions for School Age kids:**

- Who came to Peter in prison? **An angel**
- What was going on while Peter was in prison? **His church friends were praying for him.**
- What happened to the chains on Peter? **They fell off when the angel spoke to Peter.**
- Where was the first place Peter went after he escaped? **To Mary's house where his friends were praying.**
- What happened when Rhonda came to answer the door? **She got so excited that she left Peter outside. The others did not believe Peter was there.**

- What did Peter tell his church friends? **How God rescued him from prison.**

**Hands on Ideas:**

- **Prayer Wall:** Find a wall in your house where you can use paper or sticky notes to write the names of people from church that need prayer. Tape the names to the prayer wall to be reminded to be in constant prayer for them like Peter's friends prayed for him.
- **Prayer chain:** Use copy paper or construction paper to make strips. Write names of people you can pray for on the strips and then make a chain out the strips. Remind your kids about Peter being in chains and God rescuing him. Also be reminded to pray for the names on the chain constantly.
- **Activity Pages:** The links to these pages can be found in your email or on the Children's Ministry Facebook page.