



Preschool Lesson



Lesson 1: “PRAY”



Whatchagaddaknow:

“I Will Pray For Missionaries!”



Power Verse:

“The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”

- James 5:16b

Before the Lesson

- * Collect the items for the activities you plan to use, referring to the Classroom Supplies and Lesson Manual Supplies listed in the chart.
- * Pray for your students and for God’s direction in teaching the class.

This Lesson at a Glance

Activity	Classroom Supplies	Lesson Manual Supplies
Bible Story – This week, the kids will learn from the story of God sending an angel to free Peter from prison (Acts 12).		Bible Story Pictures (pg. 5-9)
Hands-On-Learning – The kids will learn that they can and should pray for missionaries!	Globe	
Craft Option #1 – Bible Story Coloring Page	Crayons or markers	Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece (pg. 10)
Craft Option #2 - Hand Tracing Craft	Crayons or markers	Hand Tracing Craft Print Piece (pg. 11)
Craft Option #3 – Pray For Missionaries Coloring Page	Crayons or markers	Pray For Missionaries Coloring Page Print Piece (pg. 12)



Bible Story

Supplies Needed: Bible Story Pictures (provided on pg. 5-9)

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Bible Story Pictures. Have the children gathered around so they can see the pictures.

Say- Peter was telling everyone about Jesus. He was helping people and praying for them, too! But some people didn't like that Peter was talking about Jesus. They didn't want others to hear about Him. So, they had Peter arrested and put in jail, even though he didn't do anything wrong! (show pic)

Say- Peter was chained up and sitting between two guards. That means he couldn't move at all! If Peter wanted to leave, he would have to drag two big guards with him! There was no way out. It looked like Peter was stuck in jail and couldn't get free. But guess what?

Say- On the other side of town, some of Peter's friends were praying. They were asking God to help Peter. They knew that only God could save him, so they prayed!

Say- That night, while Peter was asleep in jail, something amazing happened. An angel from God suddenly appeared! (show pic) The angel tapped Peter on the side to wake him up. Wow!

Say- The angel said, "Quick, get up!" Peter listened and obeyed. He got up, and guess what? The chains fell off! Then the angel led Peter out of the jail. When they were safely outside, the angel disappeared.

Say- Peter was free! So, he walked straight to the house where his friends were praying for him. (show pic) He knocked on the door. A girl came to the door, and when she saw it was Peter—she couldn't believe it!

Say- She was so surprised that she ran back inside and forgot to let him in. She shouted, "Peter is at the door!"

Say- The people didn't believe her at first, but she kept saying, "It's really him!" (show pic) Finally, they all ran to the door and opened it. And there was Peter, safe and sound! They were so happy and thanked God for helping him!

Say- God heard their prayers and did something amazing! God can do big things when you pray for others!

Pray



Hands-On Learning

Supplies Needed: Globe

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, gather classroom materials. Have the children gathered around so they can see any illustration materials.

Say- The world is a big place! Did you know that there are over 200 countries and more than 7 billion people? Wow!

Say- Our world is so, so, so BIG! *(Show the globe)*

Say- There are people living in many different places, speaking different languages, and doing different things.

Say- That's a lot of people, and not everyone knows about Jesus yet. That's why we have missionaries!

Ask- Can you say “missionary”? *(Say the word along with the kids)*

Say- A missionary is someone who tells others about Jesus, no matter where they live! Missionaries help people know who Jesus is.

Say- There are people right here where we live who need to hear about Jesus, too! And there are people in faraway lands who need to hear about Jesus.

Say- When missionaries travel to faraway places, they learn to speak the people's language. They live in the land, eat the food, and show God's love to the people there.

Ask- What kinds of food do you think missionaries might eat in other places?

-Allow time for responses-

Say- Sometimes it's not easy to live far away from the home you know and your family and friends. But missionaries still go, because they love Jesus and want others to know Him too.

Say- But missionaries can't do it all by themselves. They need help, and guess what? You can help, even if you're small!

Ask- How can you help missionaries? Hmmm, good question!

Say- We can PRAY for them!

Say- God hears you when you pray! And when you pray, you're helping others hear about Jesus!

Say- Let's say this together: I will pray for missionaries! *(Say the phrase aloud with the kids)*



Craft #1: Bible Story Coloring Page

Supplies Needed: Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece (provided on pg. 10); Crayons or markers

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece. Make sure you have enough for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for coloring.

How To Do Craft - Kids can color freely as they choose.



Craft #2: Hand Tracing Craft

Supplies Needed: Hand Tracing Craft Print Piece (provided on pg. 11); Crayons or markers

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Hand Tracing Craft Print Pieces. Make sure you have enough craft pages for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for crafting.

How To Do Craft - Allow the kids to decorate the design using crayons or markers and trace their hands in the blank space. As you help the kids with the craft, talk about how we can pray for missionaries!



Craft #3: Pray For Missionaries Coloring Page

Supplies Needed: Pray For Missionaries Coloring Page Print Piece (provided on pg. 12); Crayons or markers

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Pray For Missionaries Coloring Page Print Pieces. Make sure you have enough for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for coloring.

How To Do Craft - Kids can color freely as they choose.

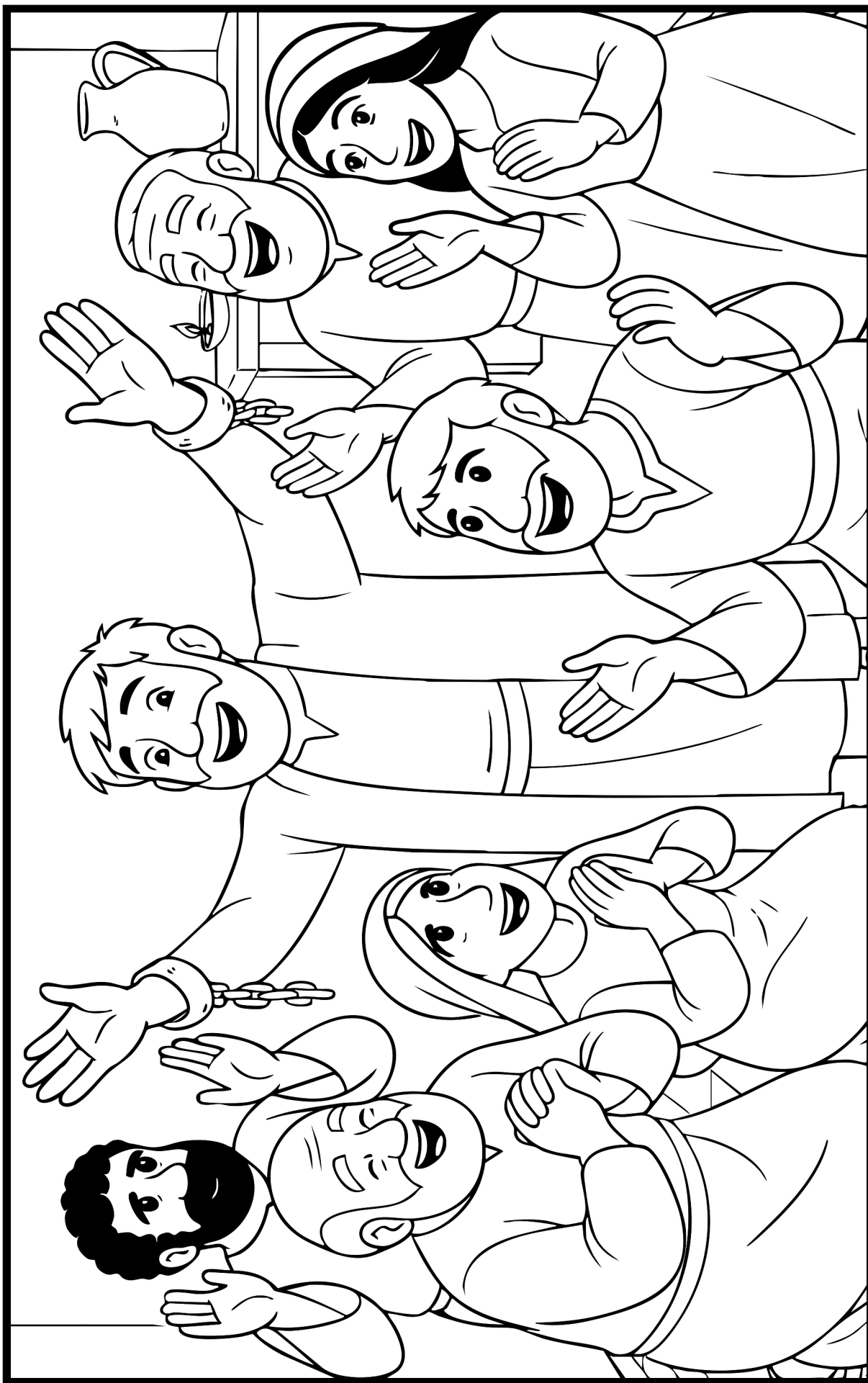






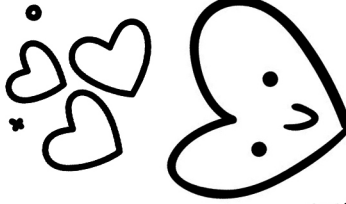
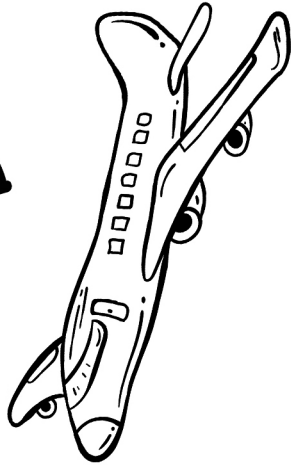
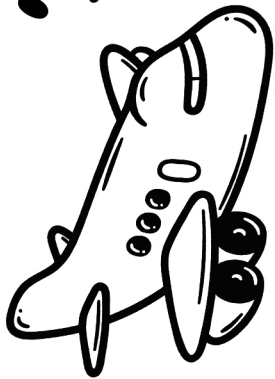






**PETER'S FRIENDS PRAYED AND GOD SENT AN
ANGEL TO SET HIM FREE FROM PRISON!**

Trace your hands!



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