

Heart Tugs

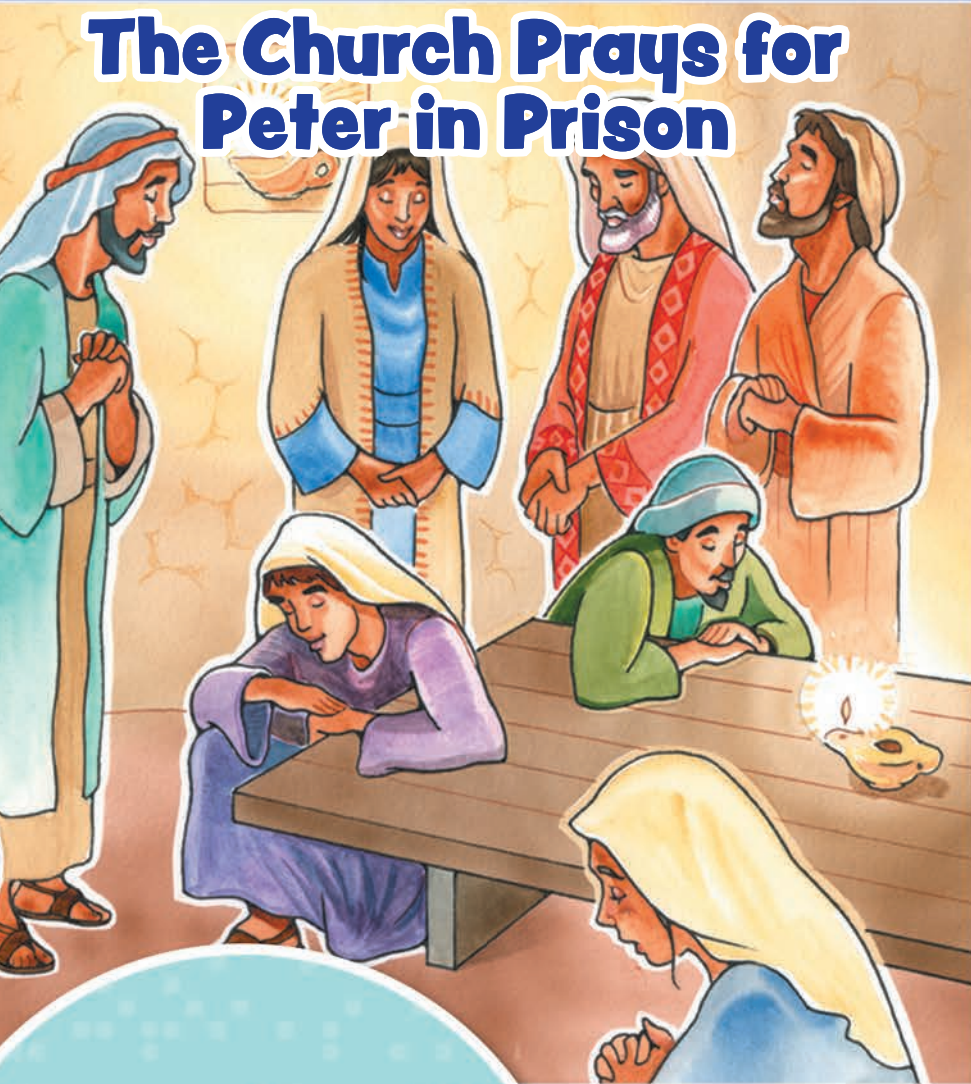
Shaping Hearts with God's Word



A Preschool and Pre-K & K Family Resource

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The Church Prays for Peter in Prison



A Read-to-Me Bible Story

from Acts 12:1-17

One night, the followers of Jesus met together. They wanted to pray for their friend Peter who was in prison.

That night an angel of the Lord came to the prison and awoke Peter. The chains fell off Peter's hands. The angel led Peter out of the prison.

Peter went to the house where the people were praying. A girl named Rhoda came to the door. Rhoda was so happy to hear Peter's voice that she forgot to open the door!

After being let in, Peter said to the people, "Tell the other believers what happened."

What were the followers of Jesus doing at the house?

How did Peter get out of prison?





Telling About Jesus

Count the people in each picture who are telling about Jesus.
Color the pictures.



How many people in all are telling about Jesus?



What Can You Say?

What can you say when you pray? Tell how you would finish each sentence.

Thank You, God. You are _____.
(name something about God)

Help _____ tell other people about Jesus.
(name a person)

Help me tell _____ about Jesus.
(name a person)

In Jesus' name, amen.



Connect the dots to finish the picture.



Family Talk

Prayer in the lives of children is most powerfully

influenced by the adults in their lives. A mother who consistently demonstrates prayer in her own life, a father who prays regularly in his children's presence, or a relative or a teacher who frequently displays the practice and power of prayer in his life will provide the example from which our children will learn.

If prayer is something you model as a natural part of your life, then your children too will learn to depend on prayer as a way to talk to God.

Bible Memory FUN

Acts 5:42

Find this verse in a family Bible. Make a prayer card with the Bible verse written on it. During family prayer time, thank God for the Bible and say the Bible verse together.

This week, help your child remember:

We can pray for people who tell about Jesus.



Family Fun...

Prayer Party. Write the names of church staff, missionaries, and Sunday school teachers on slips of paper. Place the papers folded in a container. Make a "Prayer Party" sign to hang, and decide on a party snack to enjoy. Gather and take turns picking slips of paper from the container. Pray for each individual named on the papers. Thank God for people who tell others about Jesus.

Daily Talks with God

Use these thoughts at mealtimes, bedtimes, or other times when you pray with your child this week.

Thank You, God, for preachers who tell about Jesus.

God, protect our missionaries as they tell people around the world about Jesus.

I thank You, God, for my church teachers.

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