

TOPHER'S WEEKLY LESSON

In the Bible, in the Book of Acts, there were some mean people who didn't like Christians. If they found someone who followed Jesus, they would say, "You're under arrest!" One day, they arrested a man named Peter who loved Jesus very much. They put him in jail where he was guarded day and night by 12 soldiers.

While Peter was in jail, his church friends prayed for him every day. They asked Jesus to help Peter, and Jesus heard them. One night, Peter was sleeping between two guards. He had chains on his hands to keep him from getting away. Suddenly, an angel of God appeared and woke Peter up.

When Peter got up, the chains fell off his hands. The angel said, "Put your clothes on and follow me." So that's what Peter did. They quietly ran past the first guard. They quietly ran past the second guard. Suddenly, Jesus made the gate open all by itself. Peter and the angel ran through the gate, out of the jail, and down the street. Then the angel disappeared.

Peter ran all the way to his friend's house where lots of people from his church were praying. When he knocked on the door, the servant said, "Who is it?" Peter replied, "It's me, Peter." The servant was so happy that she forgot to open the door. She ran back to the church friends to tell them the good news. Peter's church friends couldn't believe it. "That's crazy!" they said. "Peter's in jail." But Peter kept on knocking until they opened the door and saw for themselves how Jesus had answered their prayer.

THE BIG IDEA: I CAN PRAY TO JESUS ANYTIME, ANYWHERE,
AND ABOUT ANYTHING
BIBLE BASIS: ACTS 12:1-19

ACTIVITY: MAY 17, 2020

My Family (Response to God Activity)

Supplies: GO! Home Guide (printed on back of coloring sheet, 1 per child), crayons

Question: If you were one of Peter's church friends, would you have been surprised when Peter knocked on the door? Why or why not?

Directions: Give each child a GO! Home Guide and some crayons or markers. The sheet will have a space for children to draw. Tell the children to draw a picture of their family. When finished, ask the children to show their picture and to tell about their family.

Say: Today we learned that we can pray to Jesus anytime, anywhere, and about anything. One of the things we can pray about is our family. Let's say a prayer right now. We can tell God about our family and thank Him for giving us a family.

Prayer: Begin by asking if any of the children would like to pray. Allow any children who want to pray the opportunity to do so. When they're finished, close the prayer by thanking God for your family and for the families of the children.

**WHAT'S THE
BIG IDEA?**

