

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

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CONVERSATION

People Prayed for Peter

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today your child learned that the church prays for others and their needs. After Herod put Peter in prison, church friends prayed for Peter's safety. How does your family pray for people and their needs?

LIVE IT OUT

Does your child know the importance of praying for people? Guide your child to make a list of people your family knows who need prayer. Devote a time every day to praying with your child for the people on your list.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God uses the church to meet the needs of people in the community and around the world.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Psalm 54:2

Monday: 1 Timothy 2:1

Tuesday: Job 42:10

Wednesday: James 5:16

Thursday: Matthew 5:44

Friday: 2 Chronicles 7:14

Saturday: Ephesians 6:18

ACTS 12:1-19

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.

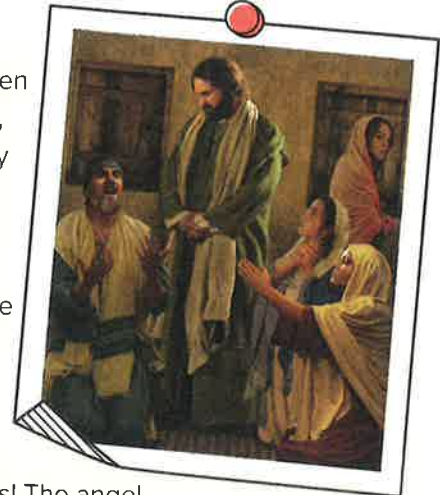
Peter knocked on the door of the gate. A servant named Rhoda came to answer. When Rhoda heard Peter's voice, she was so excited that she ran back inside and left Peter standing outside!

"You're crazy!" Peter's friends told Rhoda when she announced who was outside. "It's his angel," they said. Meanwhile, still outside, Peter kept on knocking. When his friends finally opened the door, they were amazed!

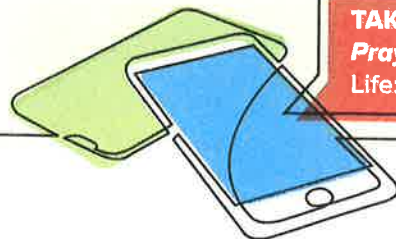
Peter told his friends how God rescued him from prison. "Tell James and the others," Peter said. Then he went away to a safe place.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Psalm 54:2

LIFE POINT: The church prays for others and their needs.



TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out the *People Prayed for Peter* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.





Praying Is Worship

Praying for the needs of others is a way to worship God. On each cell phone write a text prayer to God for another person's needs.

Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.
PSALM 95:6 (CSB)

Family Member

Friend

Teacher or Coach

Pastor

How can you know God hears and answers prayers? The Bible says so! Check out these verses on your own.

1 John 5:14-15

Psalms 18:6

Psalms 55:16-17