

Q12

BIBLE STORYLINE

## Peter's Big Escape

[PursueGODkids.org](http://PursueGODkids.org)**Slide: Welcome***(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)*

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

**Slide: Series Intro**

Before we get into our lesson for the day I want you guys to answer some questions! Have you ever seen someone being bullied? (allow kids to answer.) Have you ever tried to stop someone who was bullying another kid? (allow kids to answer.) Why do you think some people are bullies? (allow kids to answer.) A lot of the times people are bullied for being different or thinking differently than others.

Today, we are going to look at a story from the book of Acts. In this story Peter is being bullied by King Herod Agrippa. Do you know why he was being bullied? It was because he was a Christian! Did you know that there are people in the world who are still bullied for being a Christian? But don't worry, there's a way we can help!

We'll talk about that some more in a few minutes. But first, let's stand and sing a song together.

**Song***Imagine the Impossible*

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

**Slide: Big Idea***All together:*

*We should pray for Christians who are persecuted. (Repeat)*

**Video***Play lesson video.***Slide: Recap**

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- Why was Peter thrown into prison? (for being a Christian)

- Why was Peter able to escape prison? (the other believers prayed for him)
- True or False: We should pray for Christians who are being persecuted. (T)

That's right! Does anyone remember what "persecuted" means? (allow kids to answer.) Exactly! Persecution is when you are bullied for what you believe. There are people all around the world that get bullied just because they want to follow Jesus. Did you know that in some places it is against the law to be a Christian? Well, it's true. In some countries you can't even go to church without getting arrested. Even though we've probably never met very many people who are being persecuted for their faith, we should still pray for them. God will help them to stay strong, and sometimes he will even help them to get away from the bullies!

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

### **Slide: Memory Verse**

"But while Peter was in prison (arms up as if in shackles), the church prayed very earnestly for him. (pretend to pray)" Acts 12:5 (*Repeat*)

The word "earnestly" means really seriously. The followers of Jesus knew that if they prayed, God would hear them! So, they all got together and prayed really hard that Peter would be safe. I bet they never would have imagined that God would send an angel to break Peter out of prison, but that's exactly what he did! And as soon as Peter was free he ran to find his friends.

They all praised God for answering their prayers. God is so powerful and willing to help people who need him. That doesn't always mean that he's going to break every single Christian who is arrested out of jail, but it does mean that when Christians are being persecuted, he will help them to be strong and to keep their trust in him. So, be like Peter's friends and remember to pray for those who are bullied for following Jesus.

Now let's all stand and sing one last song together.

### **Song**

*We are Your People*

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

### **Slide: Big Idea**

We should pray for Christians who are persecuted. (*Repeat*)

### **Slide: Let's Pray**

*Pray and dismiss.*