

# PEOPLE PRAYED FOR PETER



## BIBLE STORY

### SNACK

Place the snack on the tables.

Pray before eating.

Talk about the Bible story as the children snack.

Lead the children to clean their places and throw away the trash.

### TALK ABOUT THE STORY

—Based on Acts 12:1-19

#### BIBLE STORY FOR 1s

- » People from church were sad. Their friend Peter needed help.
- » The people asked God to help Peter. God sent an angel (messenger) to help Peter.
- » The angel told Peter to follow him. Soon Peter was at the people's house. He knocked. The people were surprised to see Peter.
- » Peter told them God heard them talk to Him.
- » The people were glad to see their friend and know that God helped him.

#### BIBLE STORY FOR 2s

- » The leader of many towns did not like Peter telling people about Jesus.
- » The leader told his helpers to find Peter and put him in prison.
- » Peter's friends from the church were sad. They prayed for God to keep Peter safe.
- » God heard the people. God sent an angel to get Peter out of prison.
- » Peter went to the house where the church people were praying.
- » He knocked. A girl shouted that Peter was at the door.
- » Peter's friends were happy to see him.
- » Peter told how God helped him because the people prayed for him.

### ROOM

### YOUR TEACHING PARTNER(S)

### DATE OF USE

### LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

People at church sing, talk to God, and listen to Bible stories.

### LIFE POINT

People at church pray to God.

### UNIT VERSE

Come, let us worship God.  
*Psalms 95:6*

### WEEKLY VERSE

Pray for one another.  
*James 5:16*



## BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

### SONG

Sing to the tune of “Mary Had a Little Lamb”:

*Jesus taught us how to pray.*

*How to pray, how to pray.*

*Jesus taught us how to pray.*

*God always hears our prayers.*

### CONSTRUCT A PRAYER CHAIN

**Gather:** Scissors, light-colored construction paper, ruler, tape, markers

**Do:** Cut many 3-inch wide paper strips. Write the Weekly Verse on a paper strip for each child.

- » Say: “The Bible says to pray for one another.”
- » Distribute strips, letting the children draw and color on as many as desired.
- » Talk about who we can pray for, printing anyone or anything the children say on their strips.
- » Tape to join the ends of each strip, interconnecting to the other strips to make chains for the boys and girls to take home.

### MATCH HANDPRINTS

**Gather:** 5 different colors of construction paper, scissors, marker, 2 small baskets

**Do:** Cut two handprints from each color paper. Separate the handprints so 1 of each color is in each basket. Write each word of the Weekly Verse on separate handprints.

- » Place the baskets on the floor.
- » Invite the preschoolers to choose a handprint from one basket and find the matching one from the second basket.
- » Guide the boys and girls to lay the pairs of handprints together on the floor.
- » Help the toddlers put the words in the correct order.
- » Mention that, often, we put our hands together when we pray.
- » Say each word of the verse, directing the children to say each word with you.

### ENJOY A SNACK AND PRAY

**Gather:** Printables: “Allergy Alert”; fruit flavored O-shaped cereal, napkins

**Do:** Post the Allergy Alert for cereal.

- » Guide the toddlers to sit at the table.
- » Mention that Jesus taught us to pray.
- » State: “We will pray and thank God for our snack. We will fold our hands and close our eyes to help us listen to the words we pray.”
- » Give different children the opportunity to thank God for the food.
- » Give each child a napkin and a serving of cereal.

### KNOCK ON THE TABLE GAME

- » Lead some children to sit around the table with you.
- » Ask the children to copy your simple rhythm after you knock on the table.
- » Celebrate with them when they attempt to copy your rhythm.
- » Mention that Peter knocked on the door where his friends were praying. Tell that the friends were happy to see Peter.
- » Suggest that we can pray for people, too. Pray for a few people by name.

### PLAY WITH A MICROPHONE

**Gather:** Toy microphone

- » Remind a child that *prayer* is “talking to God.”
- » Give the child a microphone to hold and suggest that he say thank you to God.
- » Say the Weekly Verse into the microphone: “Pray for one another. James 5:16.”

### CLEAN UP

Ask the children to work together to clean the room.

### DISMISS

Place the children’s items inside their diaper bags. Remind the parents to do the activities and review the Bible story this week on the Kids Activity Page.