

FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

Peter's Great Escape

WHAT YOU NEED

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- Praying for our Missionaries sheet (printed)

LET'S READ THE BIBLE

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- Have someone in your family read the following passage:
- Acts 12:1-25

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

When Herod saw the Jews approved of the killing of James, he knew a public trial of Peter would make him very popular with them. He had Peter arrested and thrown into prison during the Passover feast. He knew the trial would have to wait until after Passover was over.

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The Jewish Christians in Jerusalem would have already been gathering for Passover so the news of Peter's arrest must have gotten around quickly. Many people gathered in Mary's house to pray earnestly for Peter.

Peter was heavily guarded. Escape seemed impossible, but nothing is impossible for God. God sent an angel to rescue Peter. At first Peter thought it was a vision but once he realised he was free, he went to Mary's house.

After some confusion, Peter was let into the house. Peter asked the people gathered to let the other church leaders know what had happened and then he went into hiding for a little while.

When Herod could not find Peter, he had the prison guards executed. Some time after, Herod sinned by allowing people to call him a god and praise him. An angel of the Lord struck him down and he died.

Herod's attempt to stop the Word of God had failed.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

- Who was killed at the start of the passage?
- Do you think Peter thought he would be next?
- What did the church do about it?
- What happened to Peter next?
- Did anything stop the Good News about Jesus from spreading?

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NOW WHAT?

- Do you feel like you are going through any trouble at the moment? Pray for each other.
- How can we as a family remind ourselves to pray for ourselves and those going through trouble?

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LET'S HAVE SOME FUN

- Print out the "Pray for our Missionaries" sheet
- Read through the sheet with your family
- Put the sheet up somewhere in your house where everyone can see it
- Commit to pray for one of our missionaries per day over the next week
- God can do amazing things when we pray

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