

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How can we pray for people in need?
- How can we show we trust God in every situation?
- Why is following Jesus worth the risk of suffering or death?

Peter Escaped from Prison

Acts 12

STORY POINT: GOD RESCUED PETER FROM PRISON.

King Herod Agrippa put Peter into prison. While Peter was in prison, other believers in the church prayed and asked God to help him.

The king planned for Peter to be killed. The night before his execution, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers. All of a sudden, an angel of the Lord appeared and a bright light shone in Peter's prison cell. The angel struck Peter on the side and woke him up. The chains fell off of Peter's wrists. The angel led Peter out of the prison. Then the angel left. When Peter looked around, he realized the Lord had rescued him from prison and from certain death!

Peter hurried to the house of Mary, where the believers had gathered to pray. When Peter knocked at the door, a servant named Rhoda answered. She heard Peter's voice and was so happy she rushed back inside, leaving Peter standing outside. "Peter is here!" she announced.

But the others didn't believe her. Peter kept knocking, and when they opened the door, they could hardly believe it. Peter motioned to them to be quiet, and he told them how the Lord had rescued him from prison.

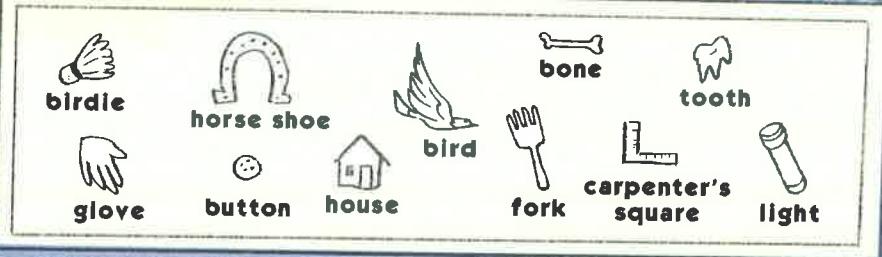
When the sun came up, the soldiers at the prison couldn't figure out what happened to Peter, and the king punished the soldiers because Peter had escaped.

Christ Connection: God answered the people's prayers for Peter. God had a plan for Peter and the church, and He rescued Peter from his enemies. Peter knew he would face death because he believed in Jesus, but he kept going so he could share the good news of the gospel.

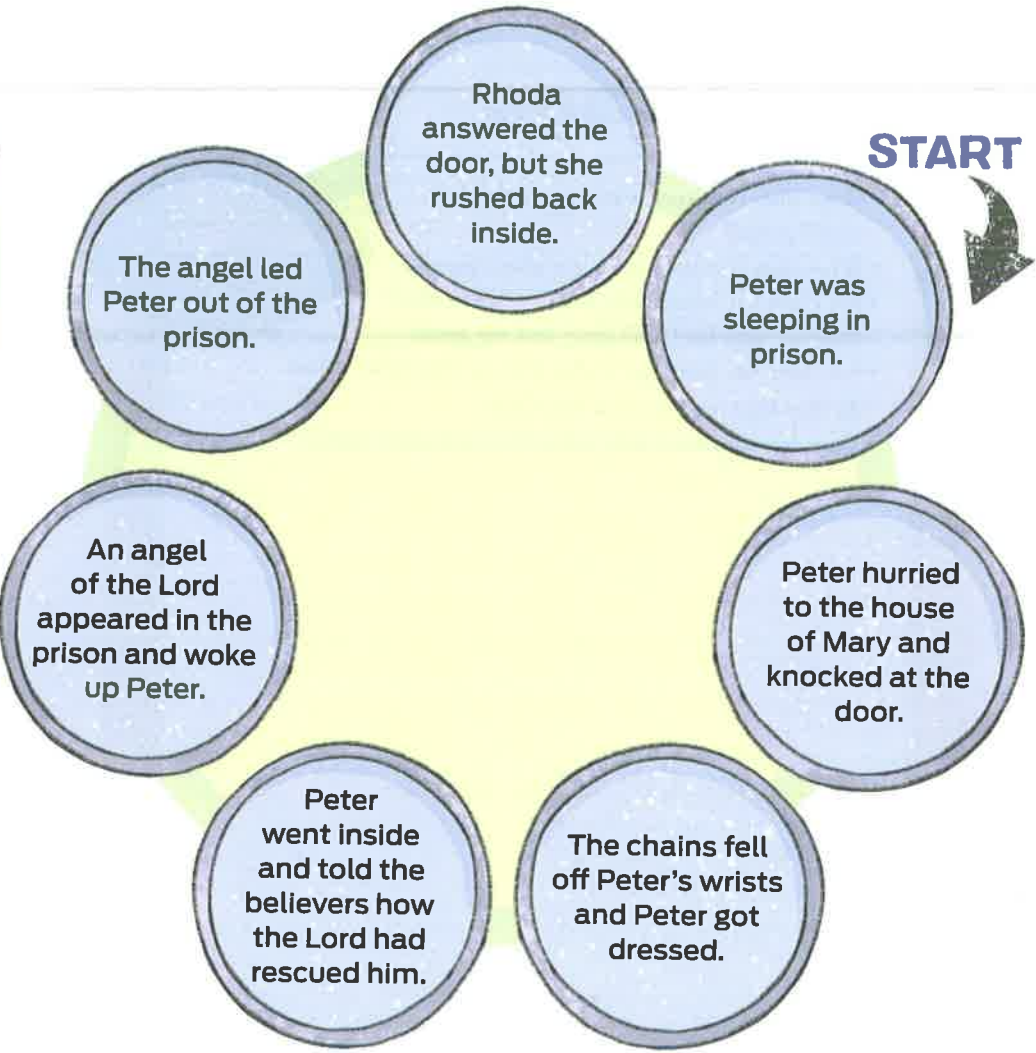


Do You See What I See?

Circle the objects hidden in the picture.



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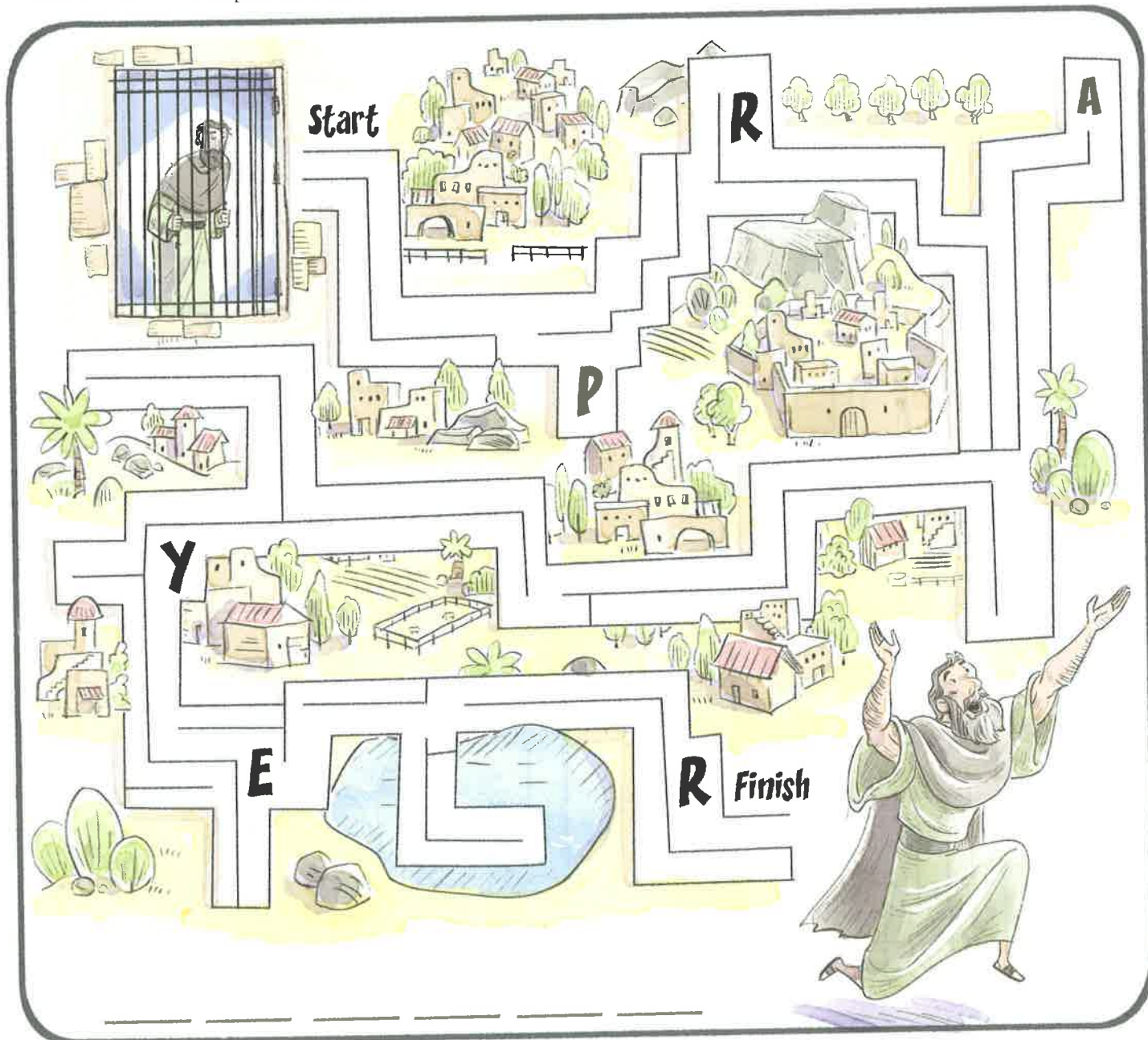


Story Circle

Start at the first circle and draw a line to connect the events of the Bible story in the correct order.

Prison Break

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the maze and write each letter in the order they appeared on the path.



BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Peter was arrested because he believed in Jesus.
- The church in Jerusalem prayed for Peter while he was in prison.
- An angel appeared to Peter in prison, waking him and removing his chains.
- God rescued Peter from prison.

KEY PASSAGE: Matthew 28:19-20

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What is our mission as Christians? Our mission is to make disciples of all nations by the power of the Holy Spirit.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why did the church pray for Peter?
- Who can we pray for?
- What should we do if God doesn't answer our prayers the way we want Him to?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Walk with your family through your neighborhood, praying for the people who live in your community. Take time to share encouraging words with anyone you meet.



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