

CITY SG June 24-26, 2023

Due to summer scheduling, these activities can be done in small groups or in one large group.

1. Bible Story Review

What You Need: Bible, butcher paper (large piece of paper for every small group), markers

What You Do:

- If doing this as a large group activity, divide the kids into small groups.
- Set the butcher paper and markers out and have the kids sit around it.
- Ask them to think about an important fact or point from the story today that they remember.
- Have the kids draw something from the story that they remember.
- If they can't remember, they can take a Bible and look up Acts chapter 12:1-19.
- They will each show the group what they drew and describe how it relates to the story.
- Ask the group these questions to review the story:
 - What was the name of the King of Judea? (King Herod)
 - When King Herod saw how happy arresting Jesus followers made the religious leaders, who did he send soldiers to arrest next? (Peter)
 - While Peter was in prison, what did the believers do? (They prayed.)
 - While Peter was sleeping, who appeared and woke him up? (an angel)
 - What did the angel tell Peter to do? (to get up quickly and follow him out of the prison)
 - Where did Peter go? (to Mary's home)
 - Who answered the door when Peter knocked? (a servant named Rhoda)
 - What did Rhoda do? (She left Peter at the door with the door closed and ran to tell the others that he was there.)
 - Did the believers who were praying for Peter believe Rhoda? (No, they didn't believe her.)
 - What did Peter do? (He kept knocking.)
 - When the believers at Mary's home saw Peter, what did they think? (They were amazed.)
 - Did King Herod arrest Peter, again? (No, the soldiers couldn't find him.)

2. Bottom Line Activity

What You Need: "God Is with You" Activity Pages (one per kid), scissors and glue sticks

What You Do:

- Say this, "Even when Peter was chained and in prison, he was SO sure that God was with him that he WENT TO SLEEP!"
- Give every kid one "God Is with You" activity sheet.
- Review the Bottom Line together. **God is with you even when you feel stuck.**
- Have the kids cut out the 4 strips, (1st grade groups may need a little help).
- Show kids how to wrap the strips into loops and glue them in place to create paper chains.
- Encourage them to hang these at home and when they feel stuck, they can remember Peter and how God broke his chains and set him free."

3. Discussion Questions

- When have you have felt “stuck”?
- If someone asked you what it means to have faith in God, what would you say?
- Sometimes problems bring people closer to God and other times it makes them pull away by ignoring God, not praying, or not coming to church. What are some reasons you can think of for those reactions?
- What are some of the biggest challenges you face when you’re in a hard situation?

4. Pray

- “Dear God, thank You for reminding us that everyone can feel stuck sometimes. We can feel unsure about where to go or what to do, especially when we’re in a tough situation. Thank You for already knowing about each of these situations. Help us trust that You are with us this week and will help us, always. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

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