

Journey Kids Club

JKTV Episode 43



This episode's Bible story is from Acts 12:1-17. The Big Idea is: **Jesus protects and leads his people in mission.** When Peter was in prison, he thought this was the end of his mission on earth. A number of his friends and fellow disciples had already died. But Jesus still had more for him to do. Find out about Peter's amazing escape in today's story!

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*The following activities can be done as a family or with some 'bubble' friends. Each activity will take around 5 minutes. If you would like to print off more pages for an activity, go to our website, [www.onthejourney.ca](http://www.onthejourney.ca), and click on the links for this episode to find downloadable pages.*

**Activity 1:** Paper Chains

*Supplies:* (from home) Paper, scissors, stapler or tape

- Demonstrate how to make a loop with a paper strip. Use a staple or some tape to hold it together. Show your child how to thread another strip through the loop to make the second link in a chain.
- Guide your child to finish making their own paper chains.
- Explain that in today's story from the Bible, a man named Peter was in jail. Then his chains fell off!
- Lead your child to place their chains around their arms and pretend they fell off.
- Say the Big Idea together: **Jesus protects and leads his people in mission!**

**Activity 2:** Memory Verse Activity "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"  
Romans 10:15b

*Supplies:* (from home) small prize item like a sticker, new pencil, or food item

- Ask your child if they can say the verse without any help or prompts. They can use actions or sing it, if that helps.
- If they are unable to do it on their own, give them some prompts.
- Give them the prize.

**Activity 3:** Bible story

*Supplies:* Peter Escapes From Prison story (provided)

# Peter Escapes From Prison

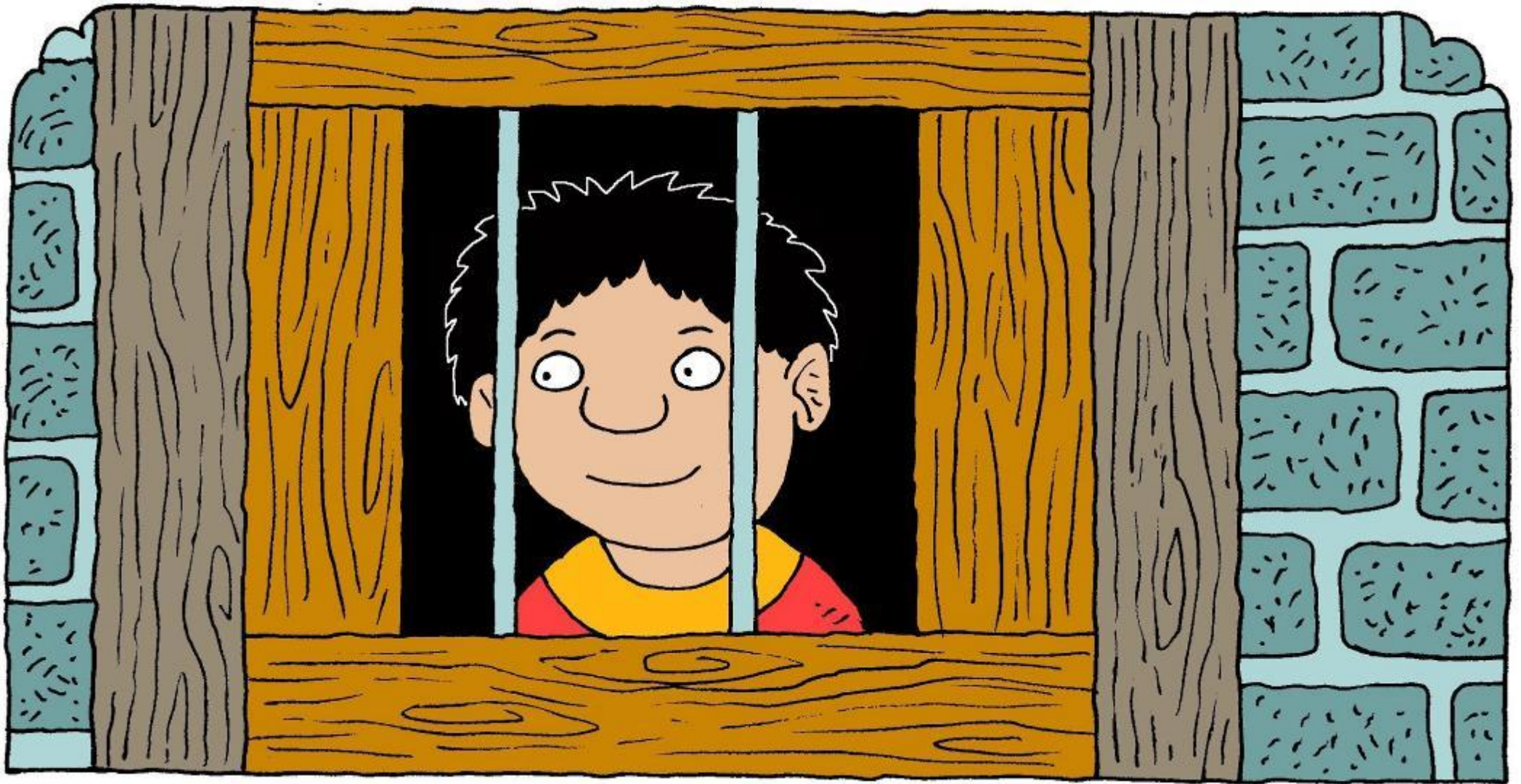
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Peter was one of the disciples of Jesus. He told many people the good news about God's son, the risen Saviour, Jesus Christ. King Herod wanted to stop people hearing about Jesus.



He arrested Peter, locked him in prison and was going to sentence him after the Easter holidays. Christians everywhere prayed day and night that God would keep Peter safe and set him free.



For three days Peter was chained up and guarded by the king's soldiers. The night before Herod was going to sentence him he went to sleep, knowing that God was with him.



In the middle of the night an angel woke Peter up and a bright light filled the prison. "Get up quickly," said the angel, "Put on your clothes and sandals and follow me."



Peter did what the angel said. As he stood up, the strong iron chains that Herod's soldiers had locked him up with fell off his hands and he was free!



He followed the angel passed the sleeping guards. All the locked prison doors and iron gates opened by themselves. Peter thought he must be dreaming.





Once they were out on the street the angel vanished. Peter knew that God had sent His angel to save him from King Herod. His friends could hardly believe that Peter was free.

*Instructions:*

- Explain that this story is from the Bible and that God rescues Peter from prison. Usually, people go to prison when they break the law, but Peter did not do anything wrong! He was doing the job that Jesus gave him. Peter told everyone about Jesus! Let your child know that God sent somebody special to help Peter get out of prison. Ask them to listen carefully to find out who it is!
- Read the story, showing your child the pictures.
- Ask:
  - Who did God send to rescue Peter? (an angel!)
  - What happened to Peter's chains? (they fell off)
  - What's your favourite part of the story? Why?
- Say the Big Idea together: **Jesus protects and leads his people in mission!**

**Activity 4:** Wake Up!

*Supplies:* Paper chains from first activity

*Parent Tip:* Having your child act out the story is a great way for them to use their imaginations and learn the story.

*Instructions:*

- Ask your child to lie down on the floor and pretend to be Peter. Give your child some of the paper chains to place on their arms. Encourage them to pretend to be asleep like Peter.
- Pretend to be an angel and wake Peter up.
- Prompt your child to make their chains fall off!
- Lead them to pretend to dress quickly and follow the angel out of prison.
- Say the Big Idea together: **Jesus protects and leads his people in mission!**
- Repeat as long as they are interested.