



Grace Church Elementary

Camp Grace

LESSON 8I SKIT

Principle: Prayer is powerful. God protects His people.

Bible Character(s): Peter

Scripture Reference: Acts 12:1-19



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, read through Acts 12:1-19. Peter

is imprisoned by King Herod, and the church earnestly prayed for Peter. Earnest is defined as, “serious in intention, purpose or effort; seriously zealous; showing depth and sincerity of feeling; seriously important; demanding or receiving serious attention.” (Dictionary.com) The ESV study Bible notes that “the mention of earnest prayer continues Luke’s emphasis that every step in building the church is due to God’s blessing and supernatural intervention.” We see in the rest of the Acts 12 passage that God’s blessing and supernatural intervention is essential to Peter being freed from prison. The church prayed for Peter, and God protected him from death through His intervention. God is not in need of our prayers, but He desires complete dependence on Him to provide for and protect His church.

How central is prayer in your life? How often do you spend time praying with others? Is prayer your first response to a difficult situation? Do you fully believe in the power of prayer? Does the word “earnest” describe your prayer life? The focus of this lesson will be to see how God answers prayers, how it is important to pray for those in need, and to pray expecting God to answer. Be prepared to share with your class how God has answered a prayer of yours in the past. This lesson provides a great opportunity to pray together as a class.



BIG GROUP TIME - 35-40 minutes

1) Run-through/Prayer

Run-through order of service (assigned parts, transitions, slides for music and skit, video if applicable, etc), assign door greeters, pray, mic check

2) Welcome Cabins

Band member says, “Welcome to Camp Grace!” before intro song

3) Intro Song

4) Camp Competition

Heads or Tails

Tell every camper to stand up and tell them that the host is going to flip a coin and they have to choose to indicate either heads (hands in an arch above their heads) or tails (hands clasped behind their backs). The host then flips the coin. If the camper matches, they stay standing. If they don't match, they sit back down. Keep playing until there is one camper left standing to win for the week.

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector

Who can tell me what prayer is? (Allow responses.) When are some times that we pray? (Allow responses.) God cares about you and He likes to hear you talk to Him about everything. But He also wants you to believe in His sovereignty and His faithfulness. It can be really easy to pray to God about something, but not truly believe that God will hear your prayer and even answer it. Prayer is powerful. If you believe and trust in Jesus, prayer is your most powerful tool. Prayer does not need to happen only when you are at church. You can pray at anytime, anywhere. As we sing this next song, let's praise God for giving us the ability to speak to Him and for being faithful to hear our prayers.

6) Skit

Praying for Others is Important

ProPresenter:

Music for news anchor intro and exit

Props:

Clipboard

Table

Microphone (for Wannabe Weatherman)

Characters:

Host: Pebble Phillips (Onstage news anchor, Bible time costume with modern accessories)

Staff Member #1: Wannabe Weatherman (on camera news anchor, Bible time costume, with modern accessories)

Staff member #2: Rhoda (servant girl who saw Peter, Bible time costume)

Staff Member #3: 3 Minutes of Fame Guy (optional character; Bible time costume)

Script:

On stage there will be a small table to use as an anchor desk. If a table is not available, just use a chair.

Lights dim when the worship team exits.

Pebble Phillips takes place on the stage behind the anchor desk or in the chair.

Lights go up. Music plays for news intro.

Pebble Phillips: (To someone in the background.) Are my shoes on camera? These are terrific shoes. Are they showing? Oh. Pebble Phillips here with WHYTV. We apologize for interrupting your regularly scheduled program, but we come to you live with breaking news. It has been reported by the Judean Correctional Facility that Peter has escaped from jail. That's right. Herod, as you may know, arrested Peter, one of the original disciples, recently for telling others about Jesus. According to reports, Peter was chained to two prison guards. Also, there was a sentry guarding the prison door. Apparently, Peter and the guards were last seen sleeping. The prison guards awakened to find Peter gone without a trace. The sentry did not see anyone at all. Let's go live now to Wannabe Weatherman who is on the scene with a young servant girl who has reported seeing Peter after the prison escape. Wannabe, can you hear me? Wannabe...

Wannabe Weatherman: (Speaking from back of room or another part of stage) Yes, Pebble. I hear you. I am here with Rhoda, a servant girl, who saw the escaped man, Peter, just recently.

3 Minutes of Fame Guy: (Appears behind Wannabe waving wildly and mouthing, "Hi mom!" He then disappears.)

Wannabe Weatherman: Rhoda, can you tell us anything about Peter's escape?

Rhoda: I spoke with Peter. He says he thought he was dreaming. In his dream, an angel came and led him out of the prison. His chains fell off and the city gate opened up for them.

Wannabe Weatherman: That's incredible. Did he somehow transport himself with mental telepathy, Rhoda?

Rhoda: Not at all. When he got to the street, he knew it was not a dream at all. He realized it actually happened.

3 Minutes of Fame Guy: (Appears again waving wildly. He disappears.)

Wannabe Weatherman: At what point did you actually encounter Peter, Rhoda?

Rhoda: Well, I was at the house of Mary. We were gathered there to specifically pray for Peter. I heard a knock at the door. I couldn't believe it when I saw Peter on the other end. When I told everyone else, they thought I was crazy. Peter kept knocking. Finally, everyone else saw him. They were astonished.

3 Minutes of Fame Guy: (Appears again. He disappears.)

Wannabe Weatherman: Let me get this straight, Rhoda. You were praying for Peter together in the house and then, he suddenly appeared.

Rhoda: Yes! God answered our prayer.

Wannabe Weatherman: **Where is Peter now?**

Rhoda: **We don't know. He left us and we haven't heard anything new.**

Wannabe Weatherman: **Thank you Rhoda. Pebble, that's all we know for now. We'll keep you updated as we hear more from this breaking story.**

Lights fade as Wannabe chases 3 Minutes of Fame Guy.

Pebble Phillips: **Thank you Wannabe for that amazing story of answered prayer. God answered the prayer of people who cared about Peter. We'll have more on the story as it develops. Now, we'll return to your regularly scheduled program.**

Music plays as Pebble Phillips exits the room.



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