

Peter's Escape from Prison: Lesson 3

SuperTruth: Jesus has overcome the world.

SuperVerse: Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble and keep on praying. Romans 12:12 (NLT)

Bible Story: Acts 3:1–11; Acts 12:1–19

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

After Jesus died and rose again, Peter preached the Gospel, and thousands of people were saved. As believers, we can rejoice in the hope of our salvation!

- Superbook transports Joy, Chris and Gizmo back in time to meet Peter, Rhoda, Mary and other followers of Jesus. The children learn that the power of prayer can lead to miraculous changes.
- Let's watch the Signposts video to learn how Paul's ministry was a signpost to Christ, and how Jesus sets us free and gives us eternal life.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: Take Heart (15 minutes)

Objective: Jesus gives us victory over the world.

- Peter waited patiently in his prison cell, trusting in God. The Bible tells us that we will face trouble; yet, in Jesus, we can have peace and victory! In this game, you are going to "take heart."

Game Instructions:

- This plate represents "taking heart" in Jesus so you can be courageous when trouble comes. When it's your turn, you will toss the plate to overcome the world. The world and its troubles are overcome by covering it up with the plates. The teams will play at the same time as a relay.

Teaching: Victory in Christ (15 minutes)

Objective: Peter's escape points to the power of Jesus.

- The apostles knew someone who helped them stay strong—someone stronger than all the problems of the world—Jesus. He is as strong today as He was back then—He never changes.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- Our final challenge is to share Jesus with someone. So many people are sick, lonely and afraid. They may look happy on the outside, but if you get to know them, you may find that they are sad about some deep problems on the inside.

SuperVerse: Superbook Action (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- The SuperVerse tells us to rejoice in our confident hope—that means believing something by faith before we can see it with our eyes. Let's keep praying and trusting God!
- The disciples put their faith to action. Now is your chance to take action release some energy. I will say and do motions for each part of the verse, then you repeat the words and copy my actions. As an option, have children take turns leading.

Prayer: Peace Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- Peter and the other apostles faced danger and persecution. They endured suffering and hardships. These hardships didn't happen because they sinned; they happened because they were doing God's will! Peter said we should worship God instead of worrying, so let's do it now.
- Lead children in a time of worship and also in a prayer for peace. Allow time for them to silently ask God for his peace in a hardship or difficult circumstance they are facing. Close in prayer.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

Review Game: Play a game to review Peter's adventures. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Skit: Act out the prayer night at Mary's house. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Craft: Make an X-Ray Scanner. | **Grades 1–3** | 15 min

Bible Study: Look up verses about hardships we face in this world. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

Game Materials

Needed:

- Paper plates—two per child plus extras
- Two poster boards
- Yardstick or tape measure
- Marker
- Pencil
- Red and black crayons, colored pencils, or washable markers
- Painters tape or masking tape
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

Teaching Materials

Needed:

- Two Signpost Cards
- Cardstock or paper
- Optional: tape
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App
- House of Prayer for any children who missed the previous lessons
- Sample Discipleship Challenge Craft

SuperVerse Materials

Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker, or chalkboard and chalk
- Eraser

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App