

# Peter's Escape from Prison: Lesson 1

**SuperTruth:** Prayer produces results.

**SuperVerse:** *But while Peter was in prison, the church prayed very earnestly for him.* Acts 12:5 (NLT)

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

## LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Today we start a new Superbook adventure welcome to a new Superbook adventure, titled “Peter’s Escape From Prison.” Peter broke out of his cell, sneaked past the guards, and then climbed over the prison wall, right? Let’s watch the video to see if it happened a little bit differently!

- Superbook transports Joy, Chris and Gizmo back in time to meet Peter, Rhoda, Mary, and other followers of Jesus. The children learn how the power of prayer can lead to miraculous changes.
- Chris and Gizmo “help” Joy research a school geography project by sending her on a round-the-world Holo-9 virtual tour. As she sees scenes of deprivation and hardship, Joy is overwhelmed by the state of the human condition and wonders how she, or anyone, can make a difference.

## SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

**Game:** What Goes up Will Come Down (15 minutes)

**Objective:** *Play a game about prayer and results.*

- When our prayers rise to God, His answers will come down. Prayer produces results! In this game you will play in pairs batting a balloon back and forth to your partner.

**Game Instructions:**

- You will bat the balloon in the air to your partner, who will bat it back to you. Take a step backward each time you bat the balloon. When it goes up in the air, this represents a prayer to God. When the balloon comes down, it represents God’s answer or response to the prayer!

**Teaching:** Results Guaranteed (15 minutes)

**Objective:** *Discuss how God always hears and answers prayers.*

- The church prayed for God to rescue Peter, and that pleased God. He had much more work for Peter to do for Him. So, their prayer produced results—God rescued Peter with a miracle.

**Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)**

- Your challenge at home is to read and discuss the Bible verses, Philippians 2:3–4 on Card #1. Talk about how we can’t be so focused on ourselves that we lose sight of other people’s interests and needs. Then, pray for someone who needs God’s help.

**SuperVerse:** Superbook Prayer Chain (5 minutes)

**Objective:** *Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.*

- To pray earnestly means to pray seriously, sincerely, and with determination. Many believers were praying earnestly for him. Peter and two soldiers were chained together. That’s why we’ll divide into groups of three to learn the SuperVerse.
- The first and third person in each group is a Roman soldier. The second person is Peter. The “soldiers” will stand on either side and lightly hold “Peter’s” arms as if they’re all chained together in a row. Count to three, then all of the groups will say the SuperVerse together, with each member saying the part they practiced. When everyone is saying the reference at the end of the verse, the “soldiers” should let go of “Peter” and all group members should raise their hands in the air because God answers prayer!

**Prayer:** God’s Will Prayers (5 minutes)

**Objective:** *Communicate with God.*

- Jesus taught His disciples to pray that God’s will would be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- Think of some situations where people are hurting right now, and let’s pray for God’s will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. I’ll start, and if anyone would like to pray out loud, please join in.

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

**Hearing Game:** Play a game to demonstrate God’s ability to hear our prayers. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

**Object Lesson:** Demonstrate how prayer brings results. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

**Maze Activity:** Choose the correct route to take Peter to Mary’s house. | **Grades 1–3** | 10 min

**Bible Study:** Look up and discuss answers to prayer. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

### Game Materials Needed:

- Round balloons—one for every two children plus extras
- Painters tape or masking tape

### Teaching Materials Needed:

- Two products or product boxes with promised results listed and a money-back guarantee. Or, an advertisement from a newspaper, magazine, flier, or internet
  - Bible—hard copy
  - Lock and key
- Discipleship Challenge materials:
- House of Prayer Page
  - Scissors
  - Tape or fast-drying, child-safe glue
  - Pencils
  - Crayons, colored pencils, or washable markers

### SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard or chalkboard, marker, or chalk
- Eraser

### Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App