

Bible Lesson

Peter Is Free

Visuals:
Going God's Way
Bible Flash-a-Cards
 GW 23–25



Week

9

Preparing to Teach

What is faith? Do we have enough of it to pray and ask God for something and believe He will give it to us? When God set Peter free, Peter knew exactly where to go—to the home of friends who were praying for him. Yet, when he knocked on the door, Rhoda in all her excitement, shut the door on him. When she told the others that Peter was there, they could not believe it. Even though they had been praying all night, did they have the faith to believe that he would be set free? It doesn't seem so. How much faith do you have? The Lord said all we need is to have faith the size of a mustard seed. That is not much. Let's put our faith to work this week and see what God will do.

- **Scripture to read**
Acts 12:1–17
- **Goal for lesson**
Children will learn that we should pray for our friends.
- **Class memory verse**
“Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another.” —Ephesians 4:32

Note: Be sure to read pp. 6–9 for teaching songs, memory verses, Bible lessons, and other elements of the class time.

Preparing Lesson Materials (marked in bold)

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| for Arrival | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tear out Activity Book, pp. 17, 25. Write names on back of papers. Have activity sheet stickers ready. (See center insert of Activity Book.) • Have activity sheets and craft materials (crayons, scissors, tape, doors on p. 25, and stickers) in containers on tables. • Have attendance stickers ready (center insert of Activity Book). |
| for Songs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If possible, practice singing with the CD.
 <i>Happy All the Time</i> p. 15, track #5
 <i>Praise Him, Praise Him</i> p. 39, track #13
 <i>Little Friends of Jesus</i> p. 28, track #10
 <i>Jesus Loves the Little Children</i> p. 22, track #9 |
| for Review Lesson | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review <i>Jesus Stills the Storm</i> from last week's Bible lesson:
 <i>(Going God's Way Bible Flash-a-Cards GW 20–22)</i>. Bring a small boat in a 9 x 13 pan of water. |
| for Memory Verse | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have Verse Card 3 ready. |
| for Bible Truth | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have Bible Truth questions ready (from inside back cover). |
| for Bible Lesson | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study and practice telling with Flash-a-Cards several times:
 Peter Is Free (<i>Going God's Way Bible Flash-a-Cards</i>).
 <i>(Optional: Going God's Way Wk 9, DVD Bible lesson)</i> |
| for Craft | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See p. 17 in Activity Book. Make a sample for children to see. |
| for Dismissal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write names on and have Week 9 Take-Home papers ready to distribute. |

Sunday at a Glance

We arrive 10 min

Greet children, collect offering, and have children put sticker on attendance chart. Show them where to sit, and have them color their Take-Home paper. Collect papers to hand out at dismissal time.

We begin 1 min

Welcome children; recognize birthdays and visitors.

We sing 3–4 min

“Happy All the Time” p. 15 track #5

“Praise Him, Praise Him” p. 39 vv. 1–4 track #13

We review God’s Word *Jesus Stills the Storm* 4–5 min

We learn God’s Word Memory Verse; 3–4 min

Ephesians 4:32 **“Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another.”** Ephesians 4:32

We pray 3–4 min Two children _____, _____ and teacher pray.

We learn Bible truth questions 12–16 (*new*). 2 min

We sing 2–3 min

“Little Friends of Jesus” p. 28 (sing 2x, second time standing) track #10



We listen to God’s Word Bible Lesson; 10–12 min

Peter Is Free End lesson with prayer.

We talk about the story 1–2 min

1. Who was in prison? *Peter*
2. What were Peter’s friends doing? *praying*
3. Who freed Peter from prison? *an angel sent from God*
4. Who answered the door when Peter knocked? *Rhoda*

We sing 1–2 min

“Jesus Loves the Little Children” p. 22 vv. 1–3 track #9

We make a craft 8–10 min

Activity Book p. 17

Dismissal Go over the memory verse. Remind children to pray for their friends this week.

Teaching Tips

Remember to make children feel welcome as they come into your classroom on Sunday. Make it a point to say something positive to each child. Call or e-mail those who have been absent so they’ll know you have missed them.

Have the children form a circle around the pan of water. As you review the story, have them blow against the boat. When you say, “Peace, be still,” they should stop.

Have class also say 1 John 4:19 and 1 John 3:23.

Encourage the children to pray for each other’s requests throughout the week and then share answers to prayer as well.

Have children stand to sing just before the Bible story. This will help them to sit better during the story.

Get the children interested in the character story in their Take-Home paper by telling them a little about it. Encourage them to ask a parent/sibling to read it to them.