



Pray for Mrs. Johnson
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Josh came out of Sunday school with a very sad face. "What's wrong?" his mother asked.

Josh had tried so hard not to cry all morning, but now that Mother was here, he knew it would be all right. "Mrs. Johnson is very sick," said Josh. "She wasn't in Sunday school today, and Mrs. Adams told us she has moan—something. What is that, Mother?"

"I don't know," said Mother. "I'll call Mrs. Adams after dinner to find out."

The ride home from church was very quiet. "I'm sorry," said Daddy as he looked back at Josh.

After dinner, Josh reminded Mother to call Mrs. Adams. Soon Mother called Josh and Daddy into the living room. "Mrs. Adams said that Mrs. Johnson has pneumonia."

"What's 'monia?" asked Josh.

"The word is pneumonia," said Daddy. Mother smiled; then she helped Josh learn to say *pneumonia*.

"We need to pray for Mrs. Johnson," said Daddy. And that's just what the Martin family did. They asked God to make Mrs. Johnson better so that she could come back to Sunday school next Sunday.

All week long, Josh remembered to pray for Mrs. Johnson.

When Mother went to Josh's room Sunday morn-

ing, he was just starting to get dressed. "I don't want to go to Sunday school if Mrs. Johnson isn't there," he told Mother.

"I know," said Mother, "but haven't we been praying for Mrs. Johnson all week?"

"Yes," said Josh, "but maybe my prayers aren't big enough for God to answer."

"Your prayers are just as important to God as mine," said Mother. "Hurry and get dressed; then we'll go see if God answered your prayers."

Josh ran to their classroom as soon as they were inside the church. And there waiting for them was Mrs. Johnson.

"You're here!" said Josh. "God did hear my prayer and make you well!"

"Yes," smiled Mrs. Johnson. "God heard and answered your prayers."

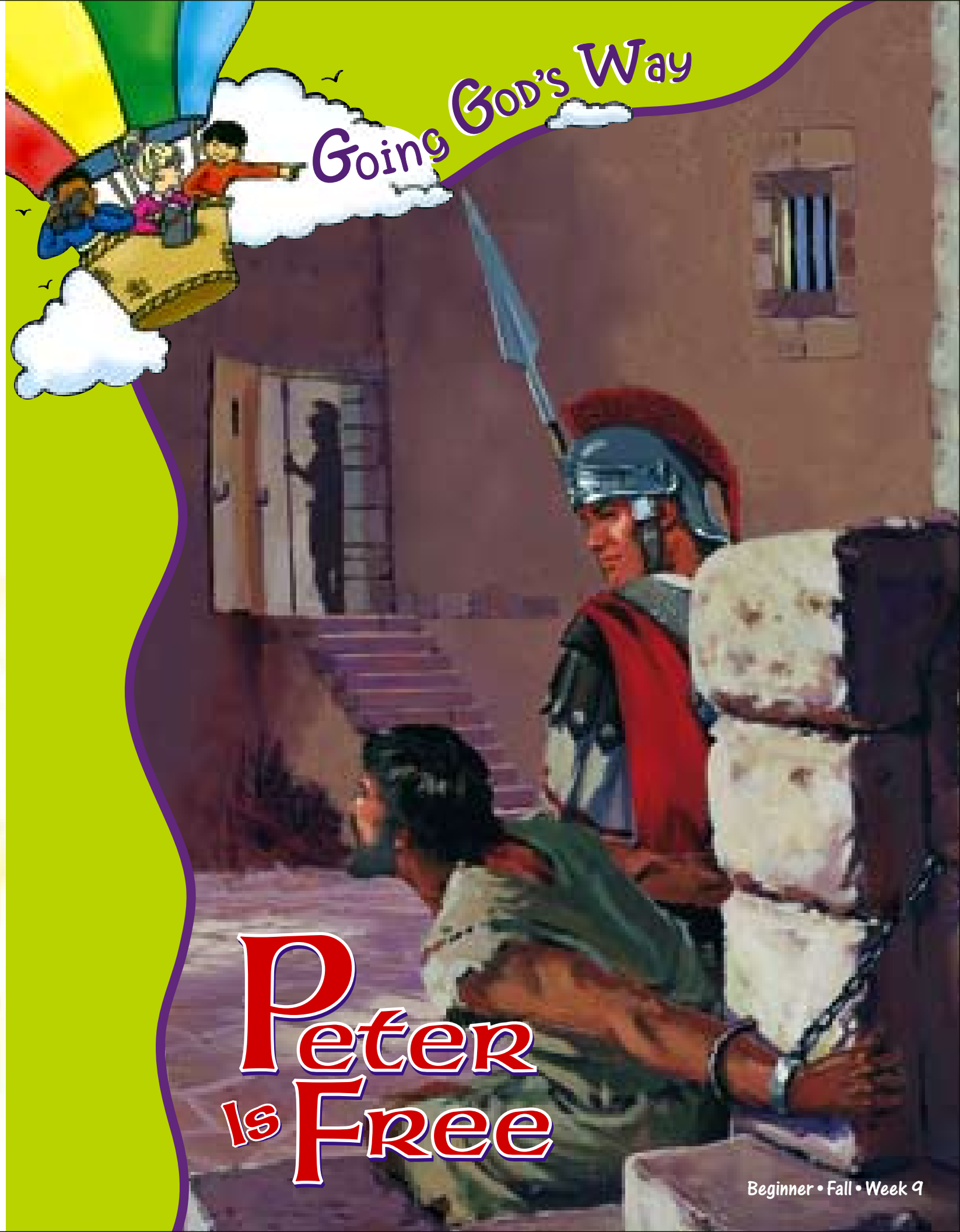
"Even though you are little," Mother added.



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Going God's Way



**Peter
Is Free**



Read Me a Story

Acts 12:1-17

Peter Is Free



Something we can do

Talk with your child about his friends. If possible, take some pictures of his friends, cut them out, and put them on a piece of construction paper. Each day take time to pray for a friend.

Jesus had gone back to Heaven to live with God the Father. Peter and the other disciples were going about telling people about Jesus. Many of the people did not want to hear about Jesus, so they had Peter put into prison.

When Peter's friends found out that he was in prison, they were very sad. They all gathered together at Mary's house and began to pray that God would send Peter back to them.

God heard and answered their prayers. He sent an angel to Peter's prison.

"Get up," said the angel. The chains that were locked around Peter's ankles fell off. The angel told Peter to put on his coat and shoes and follow him.

Peter obeyed and followed the angel right past the guards. All this time Peter did not really know what was going on; he thought he was dreaming. He followed the angel right through the gate and down the street. Suddenly the angel disappeared.

Peter knew now it was not a dream. God had sent His angel to set him free. He hurried off to Mary's house and knocked at the door. Inside the house, the people were praying for Peter. Peter kept knocking. Finally a little girl named Rhoda came to answer the door. She was so excited to hear Peter's voice that she did not even open the door! She ran to tell the people, "Peter is at the door!"

"How can that be?" they asked. They were certain that Rhoda was hearing things.

"He's here, he's here!" Rhoda said. "I really heard his voice; he is at the door. We prayed that God would set him free, and God has answered our prayers. Come! Come with me and see."

They followed Rhoda to the door, and sure enough, there was Peter still standing there knocking. They opened the door. When they saw Peter, they were really surprised. Peter told them what had happened to him that night; how God had taken care of him and sent the angel to set him free.

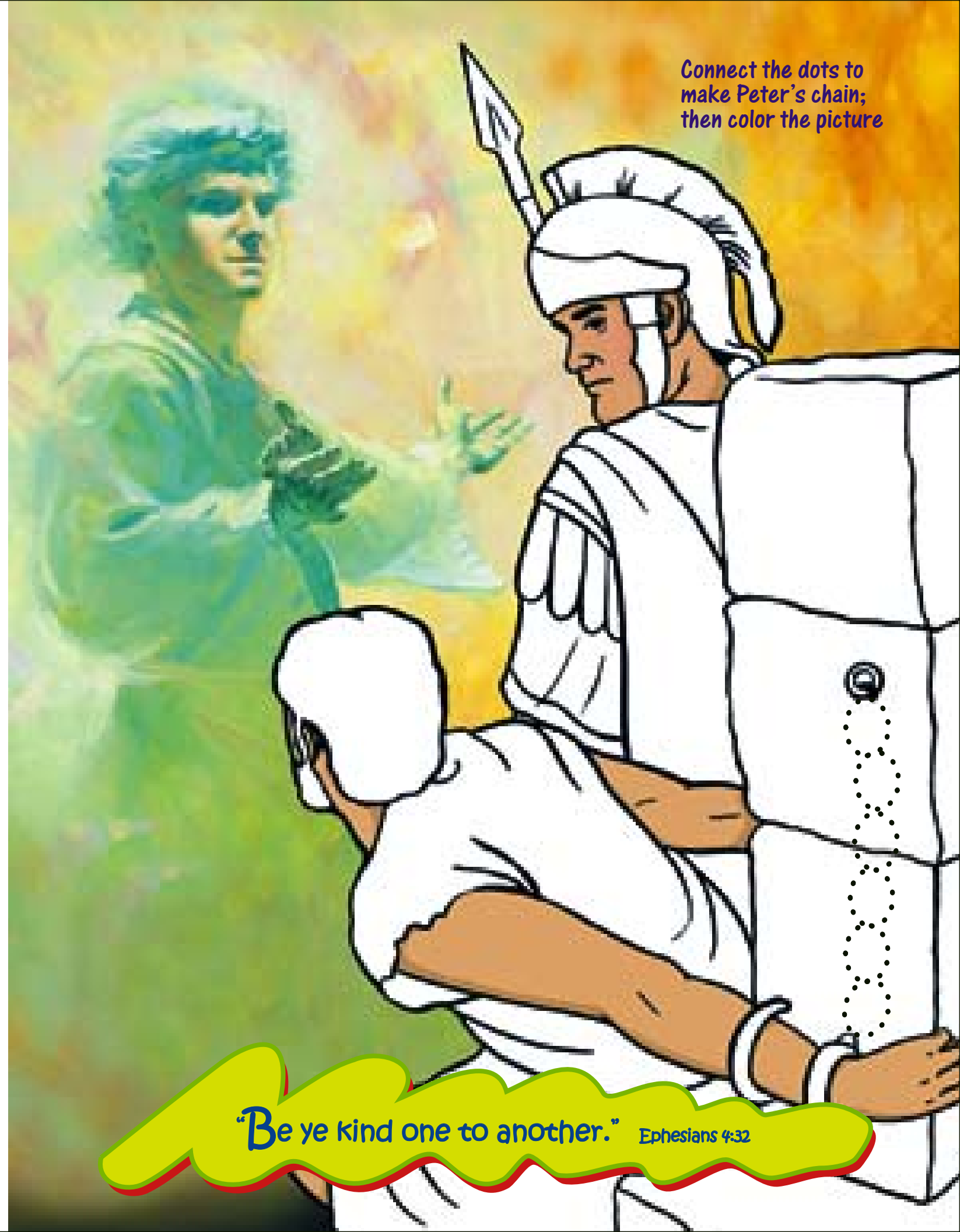
Peter's friends cared for him and asked God to set him free from prison. And God answered their prayer and set Peter free. Our God can do anything. He is a wonderful God.

- Who was in prison? *Peter*
- What did Peter's friends do to help him?
They prayed and asked God to set him free.
- Who freed Peter from prison?
an angel sent from God



Let's Talk about It

Connect the dots to make Peter's chain; then color the picture



"Be ye kind one to another." Ephesians 4:32