

Bible Lesson
Peter Is Free

Week
13

Preparing to Teach

When God freed Peter from prison, he went immediately to the home of friends who had spent many hours praying for him. Yet, when he knocked on the door, Rhoda, in her excitement, didn't open it. When she told the others that Peter was there, they could not believe it. Even though they had been praying all night, they didn't really believe that God could answer their prayers. How about you? Are you praying in faith, believing that God will hear and answer your prayers according to His will, knowing that His will is always best?

- **Scripture to read**
 Acts 12:1–17
- **Goal for lesson**
 Children will remember that God answers prayer, and that nothing is too hard for Him.
- **Class memory verse**
"In every thing give thanks."
 —1 Thessalonians 5:18

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. 35, 37. Write names on back of p. 35. • Have activity sheets and craft materials (crayons and glue) on tables. • Have attendance stickers ready. (See center insert of Activity Book.) |
| for Songs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If possible, practice singing with the CD.
 <i>Everything's All Right</i> p. 8, track #5
 <i>God Is So Good</i> p. 5, track #6
 <i>Come, Ye Thankful People</i> p. 51, track #4
 <i>1, 2, 3 Jesus Loves Me</i> p. 31, track #17 |
| for Review Lesson | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review First Thanksgiving from last week's Bible lesson:
 <i>(Let's Learn about God Bible Flash-a-Cards LG 30–33).</i> |
| for Memory Verse | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have Verse Card 4 ready. <i>Optional:</i> Have Bible Memory Picture Cards for 1 Thessalonians 5:18 ready to hand out. |
| 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>Let's Learn about God Bible Flash-a-Cards</i>).
 <i>(Optional: Let's Learn about God Wk 13, DVD Bible lesson)</i> |
| for Craft | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See pp. 35, 37 in Activity Book. Make a sample for children to see. |
| for Dismissal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write names on and have Week 13 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.

Teaching Tips

Have attendance charts ready to send home with children today.

We begin 1 min

Welcome children; recognize birthdays and visitors.

We sing 3–4 min

“Everything’s All Right” p. 8 vv. 1–3 track #5

“God Is So Good” p. 5 vv. 1–5 track #6

We review God’s Word *First Thanksgiving* 4–5 min

Have children hold Flash-a-Cards for you as you review the story today.

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

1 Thessalonians 5:18 **“In every thing give thanks.”** 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Use visuals to review all verses from this quarter.

Optional: Hand out Bible Memory Picture Cards for 1 Thess. 5:18 at end of class.

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

We learn Bible truth Review all questions. 2 min

We sing 2–3 min

“Come, Ye Thankful People” p. 51 track #4

“1, 2, 3 Jesus Loves Me” p. 31 track #17



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

“Everything’s All Right” p. 8 vv. 1–3 track #5

We make a craft 8–10 min

Activity Book pp. 35, 37

Dismissal Distribute the Take-Home papers. Encourage children to have a parent or older sibling read the stories to them at home. Tell them that next week you will begin teaching the story of how God sent His Son to the earth.

Send completed attendance charts home with children today.