1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?

2. What does this story teach me about myself?

3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?

4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?

5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?

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PETER WAS RESCUED FROM PRISON
Acts 12

WHAT IS THE CHURCH?
THE CHURCH IS ALL CHRISTIANS EVERYWHERE, WHO GATHER TOGETHER IN THEIR COMMUNITIES TO WORSHIP AND SERVE GOD.

King Herod Agrippa was persecuting believers in the church. He killed James, one of Jesus' apostles. He arrested Peter too. While Peter was in prison, other believers in the church prayed and asked God to help him.

The night before his trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers. He was in chains. All of a sudden, an angel of the Lord appeared.

"Quick, get up!" the angel said. The chains fell off of Peter's wrists. The angel told Peter to get dressed. Then he followed the angel.

The angel led Peter out of the prison, past the guards, through the gate, and onto the streets. Then the angel left. When Peter looked around, he realized the Lord had rescued him from prison and from certain death!

Peter hurried to the house of Mary, the mother of John Mark, where the believers had gathered to pray. When Peter knocked at the door, a servant named Rhoda answered. She heard Peter's voice and she was so happy she rushed back inside, leaving Peter standing outside. "Peter is here! He is at the door!" she announced.

But the others didn't believe her. "You're crazy!" they said. When they opened the door, they could hardly believe it. Peter motioned to them to be quiet, and he told them how the Lord had rescued him from prison.

Christ Connection: God answered the people's prayers for Peter. God had a plan for Peter and the church, and He rescued Peter from his enemies. Peter knew he would face death because he believed in Jesus, but he kept going so he could share the good news of the gospel.

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