



Weekly Family Worship

February 28, 2016

Know: God answered the prayers of Christians that prayed for Peter who was arrested and put in prison.

Think: God hears and answers our prayers in ways He knows best.

Do: Pray for friends, especially those hurting.

Read—Acts 12:1-25

Herod the king was willing to go to great lengths to maintain his power and increase his popularity, even if it meant killing Christians. Nevertheless, God was in control of the entire situation. During the moments of severe persecution, the church was never abandoned.

Worship — Praise to God.

Came To My Rescue — Hillsong

You may go to YouTube.com, use a CD, or choose a different song.

Do—Walk With God

Option 1: Visit www.persecution.com to learn more about the persecution the church is currently facing. Choose one of the locations on the prayer map and pray for that place with your family. Depending on the maturity of your children, read some of the stories of persecuted Christians. Thank God for the freedom we currently have to worship openly, and pray for those who do not have that freedom.

Option 2: Ask your family if they can think of any evil leaders from history. What character traits did these leaders have? Were they cold, selfish, power hungry, determined to win no matter what? After discussing this with your family, ask:

- What might happen if people like this are leaders?
- Name some people in the Bible who displayed these kinds of behaviors. (Cain, Jezebel, Herod, etc.)

Pray—Talk to God

Every day, all around the world, Christians are persecuted for their faith. Say a special prayer for your brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted.

Pray for the Unreached...

Country: Russia

People: Avar

Main Religion: Islam

Declare his glory among the nations. Psalm 96:3

Memorize — Meditate on God.

Ephesians 3:20-21— Now to Him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us— to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

This week in Sunday School...

Preschool

Today your child learned King Agrippa had Peter arrested because he was a follower of Jesus. He was placed in a jail with many guards. Many people were praying for Peter. God sent an angel to rescue Peter, and the people rejoiced. I Can Follow God just like Peter did.

Elementary

Your student learned the king had Peter arrested and placed in a jail guarded with many soldiers. Many people in the church began praying for Peter. God sent an angel to rescue Peter from the jail. He went to where the people were praying and he shared what God did. The people praised God for answering their prayers.

Youth

Teens learned that, because of the nature of Christianity, believers will always face the possibility of persecution. Remind your teen that when persecution comes, he or she will not face it alone. Pray together for the persecuted church around the world.

How Should We Pray for Unreached People Groups?

Pray these same prayers for our City, County, State and Nation.

- **Pray for great outpouring of God's Spirit on the people group bringing conviction of sin!**
- **Pray for clear, biblical dreams and visions and revelations of Jesus drawing people to Him!**
- **Pray for powerful signs and wonders of healing, deliverance and miracles!**
- **Pray for great revival on the Church to cleanse, empower and send them out to the lost!**
- **Pray that God will send more workers into His harvest in obedience to Luke 10:2!**
- **Pray for great people movements to Christ and Church Planting Movements!**
- **Pray that new converts will be biblically discipled and will grow in Jesus!**

For a monthly prayer calendar visit: JoshuaProject.net