

March 29

PRESCHOOL Family Activity and Discussion Guide



BIG IDEA

I can help others when I pray.

THE BIBLE

Peter's Miraculous Escape: Acts 12:1-17

ACTIVITY TIME

ACTIVITY | Telephone Toys

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give the kids a variety of toy telephones, old telephones, and mobile phones to play pretend with.
- **TALKING POINT:** When we talk on the phone, we talk to someone like our mom or dad or a friend. When we pray, we can talk to God. We can pray for someone to get better or pray for God to give someone the things they need. You can help others when you pray.

ACTIVITY | On the Go Prayers

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give the kids toy cars and blocks to play with. Help the kids build a church building and a house with the blocks.
- **TALKING POINT:** You can pray wherever you go. You can even pray when you are in the car. God wants us to pray everywhere we go.

DISCUSSION TIME

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SCRIPTURE | Acts 12:1-17

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Look up the story from Acts 12:1-17 in a preschool Bible and read it to your preschoolers after you've watched the Bible Story. We recommend *The Beginner's Bible*. If you do not have a children's Bible, you can use the YouVersion Bible app and read the story in the *International Children's Bible* version.
- **TALKING POINTS:**
 - Peter was telling people about Jesus, which was a good thing to do. But some people did not like that. They put Peter in jail.

- Peter's friends didn't know how to help. So they gathered together and prayed.
 - God heard their prayers and sent an angel to set Peter free! Everyone was so happy that God answered their prayer!
 - When we pray, we talk to God. The Bible tells us to pray, asking Jesus to help us and to help other people.
- **DISCUSSION QUESTION:**
 - **What can you pray for that would help others?** You can pray and ask Jesus to help someone who is sick, or sad, or ask Jesus to help someone get the food they need. You can help others when you pray.

PRAYER

- Dear Jesus, we want to pray for each other. We want to learn how to help others when we pray. Give us courage to pray and the words to pray so we can help others.

MEMORY VERSE

MEMORY VERSE | Matthew 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *INSTRUCTIONS: Ask the kids to pick an easy song or tune they know (such as Mary Had a Little Lamb, It's a Small World, or even the chorus of a pop song!) and set today's memory verse to that melody! Don't worry too much if the words don't fit perfectly into the rhythm – that's part of the fun! Sing your newly created song a few times with the kids. Record a video of your song and [tag the Victory Kids Facebook page](#) so we can see what you created!*

ACTIVITY TIME

ACTIVITY | Hold My Hands in Prayer

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Fold a sheet of paper in half and trace the kid's hand on the front of the paper. Cut out the hand shape so you have a card with two hands that fold together. Let the kids color their hands. Share a photo of their craft and [tag the Victory Kids Facebook page](#).*
- **TALKING POINTS:**
 - You can hold your hands together when you are praying. When you open and close your card, you can remember to pray.

ACTIVITY | Catch a Prayer

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Toss a ball to each kid. When the kid catches the ball, they can name someone who they can tell God thank you for.*

ACTIVITY | Hopping Prayers

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Use hula hoops or paper or use tape to make boxes on the floor. Make a row of four hula hoops/papers/tape boxes on the floor. Show the kids how to hop in each spot as you say each prayer.*
 - God, please help (kid's name) to be happy.
 - God, please help (kid's name) to get better when they are sick.
 - God, please help (kid's name) to have the food they need.
 - God, please help (kid's name) to love Jesus, too.

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print out the coloring page and let your kids decorate it and color it using crayons, markers, and other craft supplies. Don't have a printer? Have your kids draw their own picture, showing them using their talents. You can write "God made me to do great things!" on the top of their picture.*

