



THE CHURCH PRAYS FOR PETER

BABY/ TODDLER LESSON
ACTS 12

BIBLE POINT:

We can follow Jesus.

BIBLE VERSE:

"They continued to tell
the Good News-that
Jesus is the Messiah."
Acts 5:42



SCHEDULE

Activity

Prayer

Worship

Bible Story

Craft

ACTIVITY:

Play hide and seek (peekaboo for babies) with your child. Begin by hiding in a place. Your child will likely follow you to the hiding place, which is fine they are learning. As soon as you get to your hiding spot, hug your toddler and say 'God is with you wherever you go.' Keep going to new spots in the house repeating 'God is with you wherever you go' to your child.

For babies, when you say 'peekaboo', hug your child and say, 'Peekaboo, God loves you.'

PRAYER:

It is so important that you pray with your baby/toddler. Pray for your child's salvation. Demonstrate how to pray, folding your hands, bowing your head. Teaching prayer begins during infancy. You may pray yourself or use the following prayer.

Prayer: "Dear God, thank you for loving us. Thank you for being with us wherever we go. Help us to others about you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."



WORSHIP:

Sing "Jesus Loves Me".

Click link below to watch and sing along.

→ <https://youtu.be/owx3ao42kwI> ←

While singing with your baby/toddler, rock them back and forth and interact with them.

Let them learn that singing songs about the

Lord is a wonderful sweet way to learn about God and bond with you.



BIBLE STORY:

Hold up the Bible, "**This is the Bible. We love our Bible. It is the Word of God. The Bible is truth.**" Hug the Bible to your chest.

"Let's pat our Bible." Take the baby/toddler's hand and have them pat the Bible. Read the story with enthusiasm to capture their attention.

Babies and Toddlers:

Hold up the teaching picture attached to this lesson or read the story from a Children's Bible. Story comes from Acts 12.

"Every day more and more people asked Jesus in their heart. But some leaders did not like this. They wanted to stop Jesus' friends from telling people about Jesus so they put Jesus' friend Peter in jail. Peter's friends began to pray to God for help. (clasp hands together like you are praying) And guess what God did? God sent an angel to Peter to save him! The angel said to Peter, "Quick, get up!" Peter's chains fell off his hands and he got up to follow the angel. The guards were asleep and the gates to the jail were open!



BIBLE STORY CONTINUED:

Peter was so excited to see and tell his friends that were praying for God's help. Peter went to the house his friends were praying at. Peter's friends were so excited to see him! God had been with Peter, even in jail. Peter told everyone how God had saved him and continued to tell others about Jesus.

TIME TO TALK:

As you change diapers, wash hands, rock, play with, and console your baby/toddler take time to talk about the Bible story.

AFFIRMING STATEMENTS:

God Loves You So Much!

God takes such good care of us!

God wants us to love and care for others.



TEACHING PICTURE



CRAFT:

Print out "The Church Prays for Peter" sheet.

For this craft, talk to your child about how Peter's friends prayed to Jesus to keep Peter safe and rescue him out of prison.

Get out paint, a paper plate, wipes, and the printout sheet. Have your child dip one hand at a time in the paint and place it on the sheet of paper that says "I Can Use My Hands to Pray". Have your child decorate their sheet with stickers. Encourage your child to help you say a prayer once they finish their craft.

