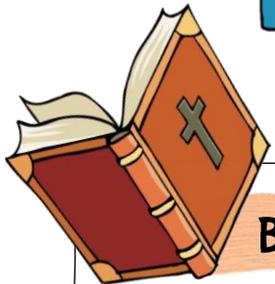


Together @ Home



Here are some activities you could do together as a family, begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.

Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together, the story of Peter in Prison.

You can find it in your Bible in:

Acts 12 v 6–19

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your group.



A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of Peter in Prison. Thank you that it reminds us that nothing is impossible for you!

Help us to be like friends of Peter in the story who met and prayed in difficult times. Give us confidence and faith to pray big miracle-seeking prayers!

We pray for all those we know who are facing challenging times and difficult situations that they would experience miraculous breakthroughs!

Amen

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

How many miraculous things can you find in the story?

Wow! What an incredible story – full of miraculous things. Peter was in prison, they were obviously so worried about him escaping that they had tied him up between two soldiers and there were more soldiers outside! How amazing that none of the soldiers were aware of Peter's dramatic escape!

The arrival of an angel in his prison cell was so miraculous that even Peter wasn't sure if he was awake! Chains fell off, gates opened and soldiers just let Peter and the angel walk from the prison.

No wonder Rhoda was so excited that she forgot to open the door and no wonder nobody believed her story!

A question for children to ask adults

Can you think of a time when you prayed a big miracle-seeking prayer?

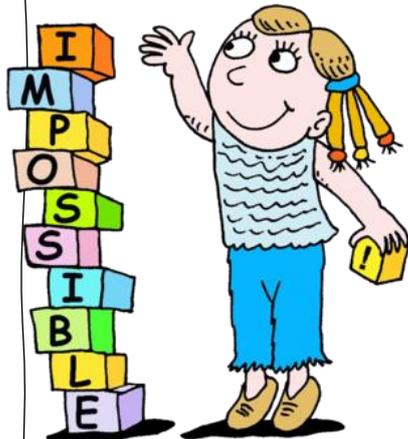
Family Activity 1

You will need: strips of paper, tape or glue

Have a paper chain race – working individually or in teams set a timer and see who can make the longest paper chain in one minute. If you are working on your own you might want to set the timer for two minutes or more.

Form a paper loop with one strip of paper, then pass another strip through your loop before gluing or sticking it into a complete circle. Keep doing this with strips until the timer runs out. Count how many loops are in each chain to see who has won.





A verse to remember

Matthew 19 v 26

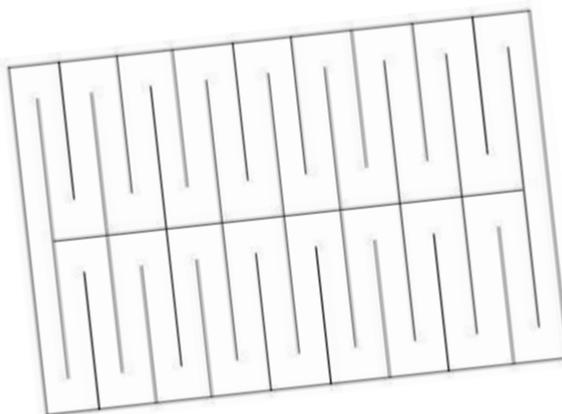
“Jesus looked at them and said, “For people this is impossible, but for God all things are possible.”

Can you learn this verse together? You could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

Family Activity 2

You will need: a piece of paper roughly the size of a postcard, scissors.

All things are possible to God, even things which are impossible to man. Can your whole family climb through a piece of paper? It might seem impossible but follow these instructions and it can be done.



- Fold your piece of paper in half long ways.
- Make cuts out from the folded edge towards the open edge of the paper, do not cut all the way to the edge.
- Now make cuts from the open edge towards the fold between the cuts you have made.
- Make sure that your two outermost cuts come from the folded edge towards the open edge.
- Cut along the fold between these two outermost cuts.
- Unfold your paper and it should form a ring big enough to step through.
- The narrower the spaces between the cuts the larger the ring.

You can watch a demonstration video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5E-Qnfo8ql8>

Active Prayer

When we know that nothing is impossible for God it changes the way we pray. Spend some time drawing pictures of what you would like the world to look like right now, remember, nothing is too impossible. What do you think the world would look like with God completely in charge, what things would you make sure there were more of, which things would you get rid of completely?

When you have finished drawing your pictures turn them into prayers, ask God to bring your dreams into reality.



A colouring page you could print and colour together

This colouring page is available for free at <https://www.tyndale.com/sites/readthearc/>



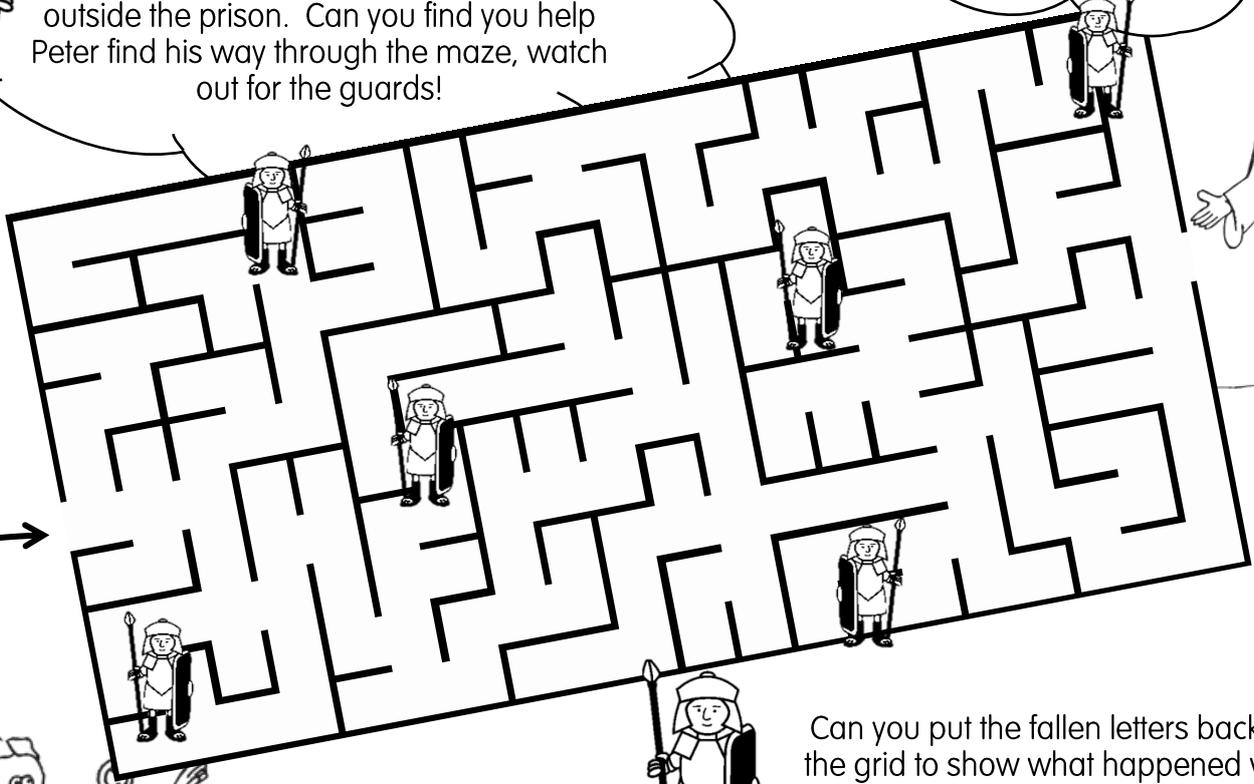
PUZZLE SHEET



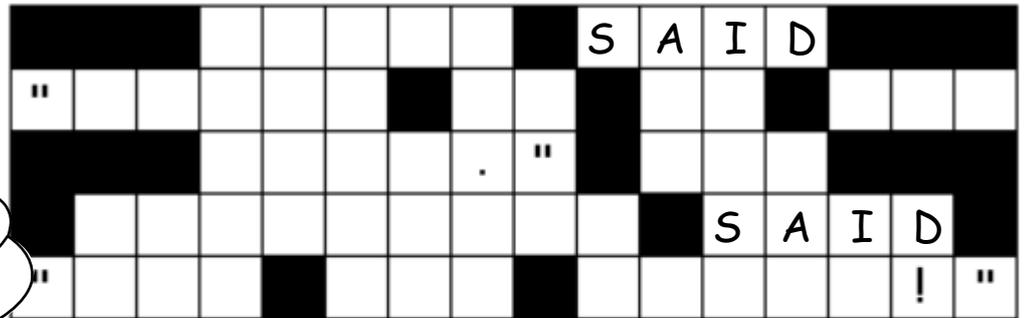
Peter followed the Angel and found himself outside the prison. Can you help Peter find his way through the maze, watch out for the guards!



Peter managed to leave the prison without any of the guards noticing him? How many of these guards can you find guarding our puzzles?

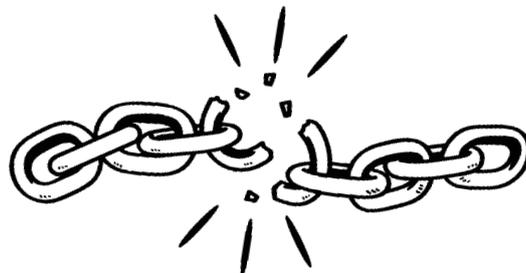
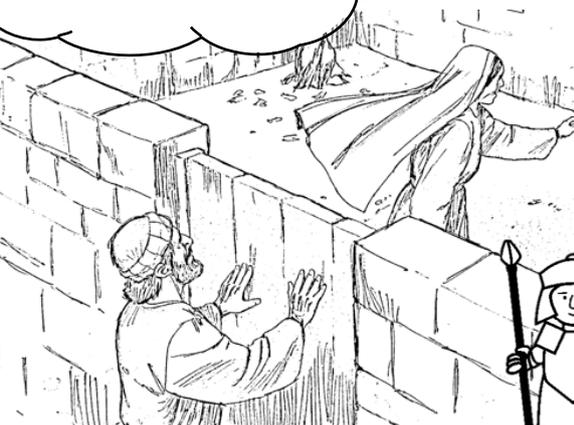


Can you put the fallen letters back into the grid to show what happened when Peter arrived at the house where his friends were praying?



CLUE: The first word is the name of somebody from the story!

U A A
 T O O R O ~~A~~ ~~S~~ ~~D~~
 E O R H Y R I C B U Z Z ~~I~~
 Y V E R O D A S ~~R~~ ~~I~~ ~~T~~ ~~D~~
 P E D E R B E D Y A T T Y H E



ANSWER: There are 12 guards on the page!

