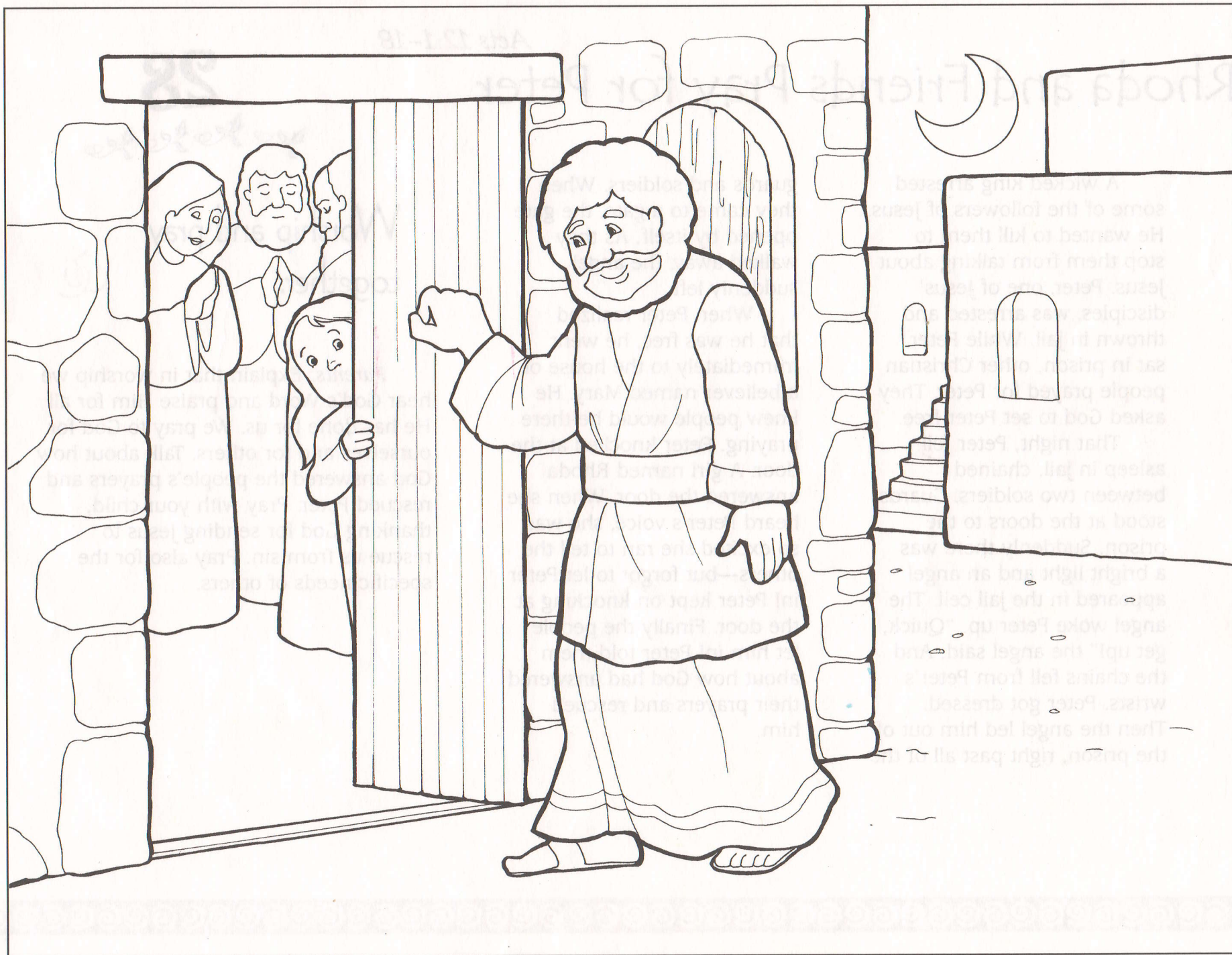




Rhoda and Friends Pray for Peter

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Worship and pray
together.



A wicked king arrested some of the followers of Jesus. He wanted to kill them to stop them from talking about Jesus. Peter, one of Jesus' disciples, was arrested and thrown in jail. While Peter sat in prison, other Christian people prayed for Peter. They asked God to set Peter free.

That night, Peter fell asleep in jail, chained between two soldiers. Guards stood at the doors to the prison. Suddenly there was a bright light and an angel appeared in the jail cell. The angel woke Peter up. "Quick, get up!" the angel said. And the chains fell from Peter's wrists. Peter got dressed. Then the angel led him out of the prison, right past all of the

guards and soldiers. When they came to a gate, the gate opened by itself. As they walked away, the angel suddenly left.

When Peter realized that he was free, he went immediately to the house of a believer named Mary. He knew people would be there praying. Peter knocked at the door. A girl named Rhoda answered the door. When she heard Peter's voice, she was so excited she ran to tell the others—but forgot to let Peter in! Peter kept on knocking at the door. Finally the people let him in! Peter told them about how God had answered their prayers and rescued him.

Parents: Explain that in worship we hear God's Word and praise Him for all He has done for us. We pray to God for ourselves and for others. Talk about how God answered the people's prayers and rescued Peter. Pray with your child, thanking God for sending Jesus to rescue us from sin. Pray also for the specific needs of others.