

# Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church Preschool Sunday School Material for May 10, 2020

Dear Preschool Parents,

The PreSchool Sunday School lesson for Sunday, May 10 focuses on the story of Peter in Jail from Acts 12:1-17. *(Main points to take away – prayer is important to both us and to others whom we pray for, God hears our prayers, God answers them not in our time but in God's time, and we have to have faith and be reassured that the answers may not always be what we want but rather we what God knows is best for us.)* Use the information below to share the story together and do follow up activities with your child(ren). As you share the story, also have a Bible available and show your child(ren) where it is located.

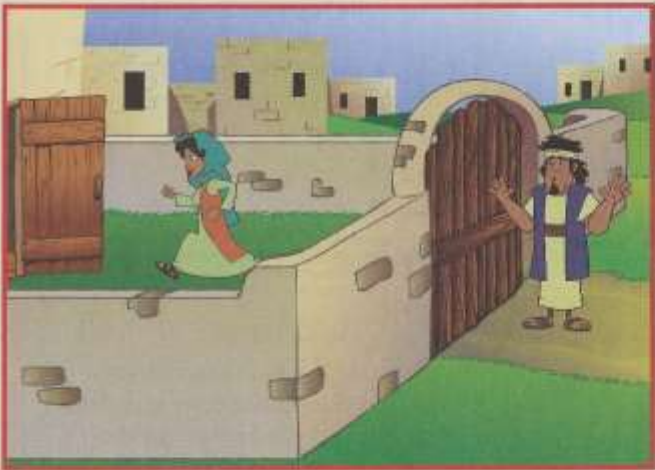
## Center yourself for your time together by singing:

### Time to Get Together

*(Tune: The More We Get Together)*

It's time to get together, together, together.  
It's time to get together and listen right now.  
'Cause we'll hear a story that's found in the Bible.  
It's time to get together and listen right now.

## Read the Bible story together (Peter in Prison):



**DEEP BLUE** **Loving God, Loving Neighbor** SESSION 11

## Peter in Prison

As for us, we can't stop speaking about what we have seen and heard. (Acts 4:20)

### Read the Bible Story Together: Follow the Suggested Motions

King Herod did not like people who followed Jesus. He was so mean, he put Peter in prison because Peter loved Jesus. *(Sit on the ground and look sad.)*

While Peter was in prison, the other people who followed Jesus met together and prayed for Peter. *(Hold hands and bow heads.)*

One night an angel appeared to Peter in prison. "Quick! Get up! Get dressed quickly and put on your sandals," the angel said. *(Shake, pretend to put on sandals, and jump up.)*

Peter followed the angel quietly past the soldiers and out the heavy gate that opened by itself! *(Tiptoe quietly.)*

Peter ran all the way to Mary's house, where his friends were praying. He knocked and knocked until Rhoda opened the door for him. *(Run in place and then pretend to knock.)*

Rhoda was so excited, she shut the door on Peter and ran to tell the others. *(Look surprised and run in place.)*

Everyone was amazed to see Peter. *(Jump up and down.)*

Based on Acts 12:1-17

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## **Follow-Up Activities:**

### **Discussion:**

**Say:** Peter's friends prayed for him. God heard their prayers and sent an Angel to him to help him escape.

**Ask:** How do you think Peter felt when the Angel appeared?  
How did his friends feel when Peter appeared to them?  
Have you ever been surprised to see someone you were not expecting?  
Have you ever had someone tell you they were praying for you?  
How did that make you feel?

**Say:** God hears all of our prayers, just as He heard Peter's friends praying for him. Sometimes the answers to our prayers surprise us, just like Peter's friends were surprised. When we pray, we need to have faith and remember that God always knows what is best for us and for others.

### **Curriculum Video:** (This week's lesson will be E11)

<https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify/series/unitedmethodistpublishinghouse/33162-deep-blue-connects-adventure-spring-2020>

### **Songs:**

#### **Fun YouTube video of a song called "Prayer Is Like A Telephone"**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7rw4pQKOGWw>

#### **Jesus Taught Us How To Pray**

*(Tune: Jesus Loves Me)*

Jesus taught us how to pray,  
to God our Father everyday;  
Morning, noon, and night-time too,  
we can pray and so can you.  
Yes, we can pray, yes, we can pray!  
Yes, we can pray to God throughout the day!

#### **Jesus Helps Us**

*(Tune: London Bridge)*

Jesus helps us follow in his steps  
Follow in his steps,  
Follow in his steps.  
Jesus helps us follow in his steps  
Because he loves us!  
*(Repeat)*

#### **Praise Him, Praise Him**

(Verse 1) \*Praise Him, \*praise Him  
All ye little children  
God is love, God is love  
\*Praise Him, \*praise Him  
All ye little children  
God is love, God is love

(Verse 2) \*Serve Him, \*serve Him

(Verse 3) \*Love Him, \*love Him

(Verse 4) \*Thank Him, \*thank Him

(Repeat Verse 1 to close)

## Paper Craft Activities:

- **Prayer Postcard** (See the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> to last page for this activity.)  
Print this document as a 2-sided page. Help your child(ren) cut out the 2 postcards for them to decorate and color. Mail the postcard to someone they said a prayer to God for. (See the last page for this activity sheet.)
- **Gift for Mom** (See the second to last page for this activity) Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, is Mother's Day. Make a gift to give to Mom to let her know how much you love her. Options: Color the picture. If you have the extra supplies (tissue paper, glue or paint) have your children add an extra element to the flowers (See the end of the lesson material.)



## The Angel Said - The Leader (Game):

Remind your child(ren) that the Angel in our Bible story told Peter to follow. Let's play a game of follow the leader. I will say "The Angel said, \_\_\_\_\_ (call out an action). If I say "The Angel said" then do what I told you to do. If I don't first say "The Angel said" then do not move.

Let your child(ren) also get a turn at being the leader.

## Blessing and Prayer Time:

**Blessing:** Have your child hold out their hand and trace a heart on the back of their hand as you say the following; (You can also use something like lip balm, soap, lotion, etc. to draw a heart on the back of their hand as you say the following blessing.)

Say: \_\_\_\_\_ (child's name), **God loves you. God blesses you. God is always with you. And, God always hears your prayers.**

**Prayer:** (It might be something like)

**Dear God, thank you for always being with us and for listening to our prayers. Help us remember that you will answer our prayers with what is best for us. Amen.**

## Faith Family Follow-Up activities to use through the week (Below and on the next page):

Note: For the Serving Time activity – This was written in a pre-social distancing time. (Alternative Suggestion is as follows.)

**For the Serving Time activity** – During this time you may not be able to deliver supplies to an after-school program. Here is an alternative place when you can donate children's books now so they can be used right away.

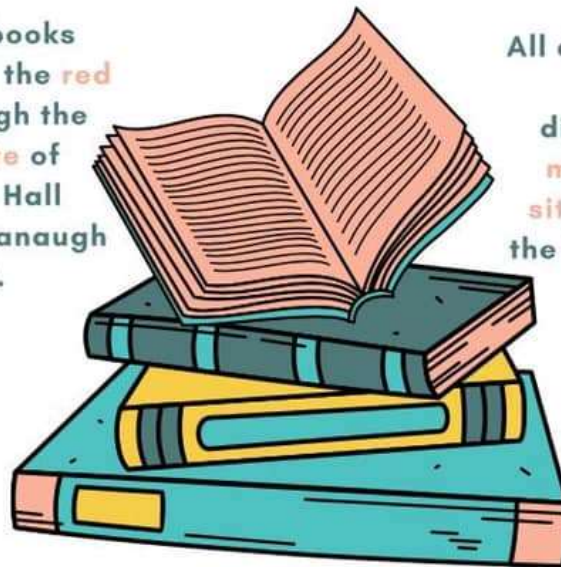


DONATE BOOKS TO KIDS IN NEED!

# COVID-19 BOOK DRIVE

DROP OFF CHILDREN'S BOOKS TO  
HILLCREST HALL AT  
1501 KAVANAUGH BLVD  
BEGINNING APRIL 29, 2020

Drop off books  
7am-9pm in the red  
bins through the  
front gate of  
Hillcrest Hall  
(facing Kavanaugh  
Blvd).



All donated books  
will be  
distributed at  
meal pick-up  
sites alongside  
the free prepared  
meals.

Contact [jessie\\_bates@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jessie_bates@sbcglobal.net) with questions.

**For the Travel Time (or any time) –** Song “This Is the Way We Pray Together” (*Tune: This Is the Way*)

This is the way we pray together,  
pray together, pray together.  
This is the way we pray together  
On this Sunday morning (*or whatever day it may be*).

**Family Time –** Mission letter is attached at the end of this lesson. Talk as a family about ways you can help children, or others, in your community. Write a letter and make a donation to the John Wesley Community Center (As mentioned in the Mission letter which is the last page on this lesson) and/or to an organization in your community.

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# Faith Family Activities



## Serving Time

**Be Together:** Do you have children's books that you no longer read or like? Place them in the donation box for children at an after-school program.

**Pray Together:** God, help the children grow in your love. Amen.



## Travel Time

**Be Together:** Sing, "This is the Way We Pray Together," to the tune of "This is the Way" (Bible Story Sheets—Songs) as you travel.



## Family Time

**Be Together:** Talk about what some of the children at the John Wesley Community Centre might like to do.

**Wonder Together:** What kind of art projects or books do you think the children at the centre would like?



## Bedtime

**Be Together:** Read "Peter in Prison" on the other side of this sheet and do the suggested motions together.

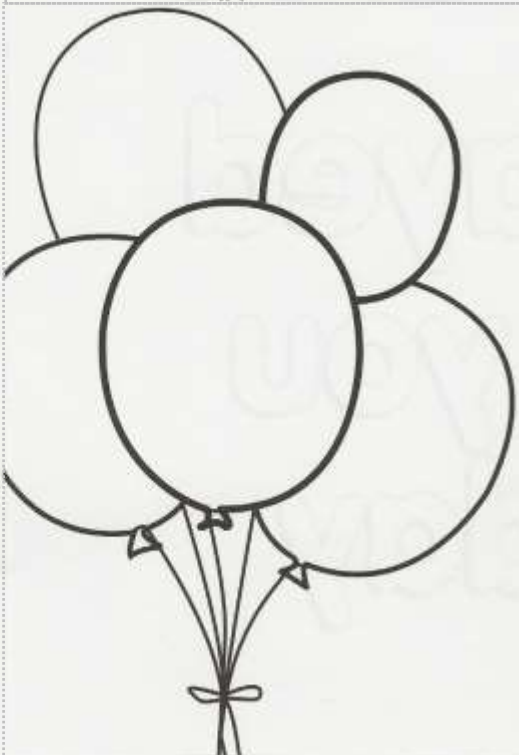
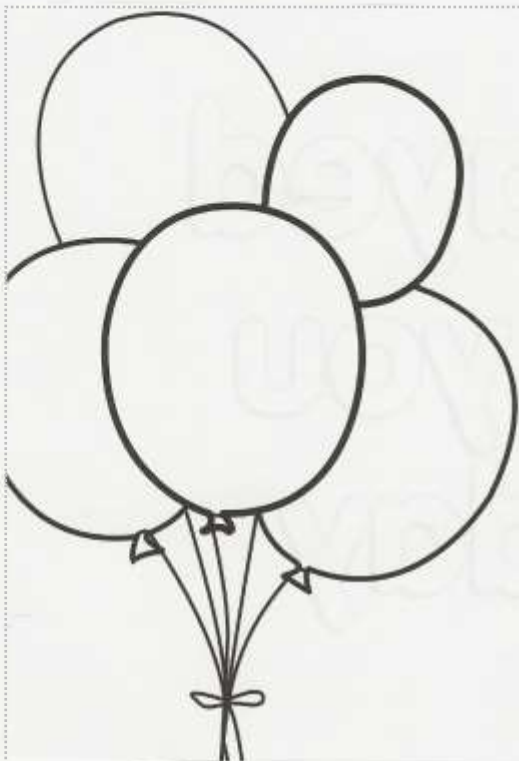
**Pray Together:** Help me to trust that God will always be with me. Amen.

\*\*\*Remember to gather at 10:30am to watch our Sunday morning service on KATV!\*\*\*

Attached below are the Prayer Post cards (to be printed 2-sided), Mother's Day Craft sheet to print and decorate, and the Mission Letter.

# Prayer Cards

Punch out the two postcards below. Color both sides of the postcards with crayons or markers. Give each postcard to two people you prayed for.



I prayed  
for you  
today

I prayed  
for you  
today



Happy  
Mother's Day





## Mission Letter

### SUPPORT John Wesley Community Centre

In South Africa, the John Wesley Community Centre serves vulnerable children who have been affected by HIV/AIDS. As of 2018, South Africa had the largest HIV epidemic in the world. The John Wesley Community Centre supports children who have lost their parents to HIV/AIDS, as well as children who have the virus. Here are some services that children can find at the Centre:

- An after-school program that provides homework help and fun activities
- A spelling team
- A chess club
- Marimba and recorder classes
- Gymnastics classes
- A computer center and library
- A preschool for kids ages 1-6
- HIV/AIDS awareness training for adults and children
- Community support groups
- Counseling

Through the John Wesley Community Centre, children and others are given emotional and educational support. The John Wesley Community Centre strives to create an environment which promotes change through active and real participation.

This organization serves the local community. Many women come to the John Wesley Community Centre to engage in self-directed projects making items they can sell. There are also teams who visit homes of persons who have physical disabilities and cannot leave their houses. Pastors and social workers take time caring for and supporting their emotional needs.

This month we have the opportunity to work together to support the work of the John Wesley Community Centre. We can do this by collecting donations, making cards and writing letters, praying, and learning more about the needs of this community. **You can donate through the General Board of Global Ministries Advance #3021238 by visiting <https://advance.umcmision.org/p-428-john-wesley-community-center.aspx>.**

