

Bible Stories for Young Children

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AN ANGEL TAKES PETER OUT OF PRISON

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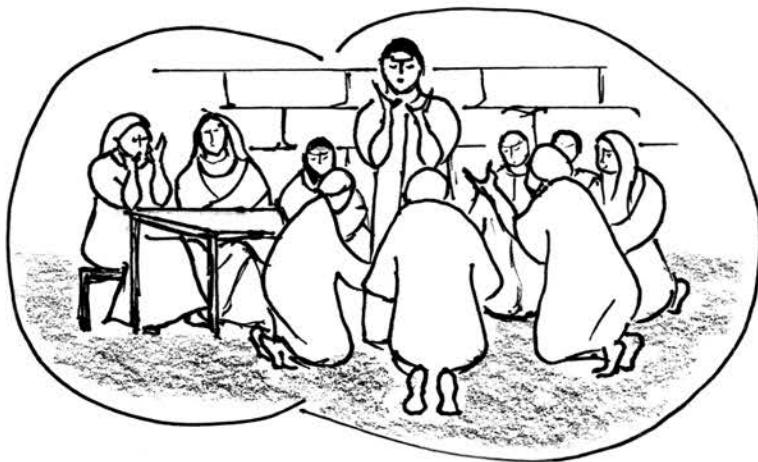
ACTS 12:1-19
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King Herod was doing terrible things to those who belonged to the church. Then, he killed James, John's brother, one of the apostles.

When he saw that this pleased the Jews he arrested Peter and put him in prison. He was going to get rid of him after the Passover festival.

The Christians met together to pray for Peter.



**As a prisoner,
Peter had chains on his wrists,
soldiers at his side
and guards at the doors.**

**There was only one more day
until Herod was going
to get rid of him.**

**But that night,
while Peter was sleeping,
an angel of the Lord
came to him,
and a light shone
in the prison.**

**The angel touched Peter
on his side and said,
'Quickly, get up.'**

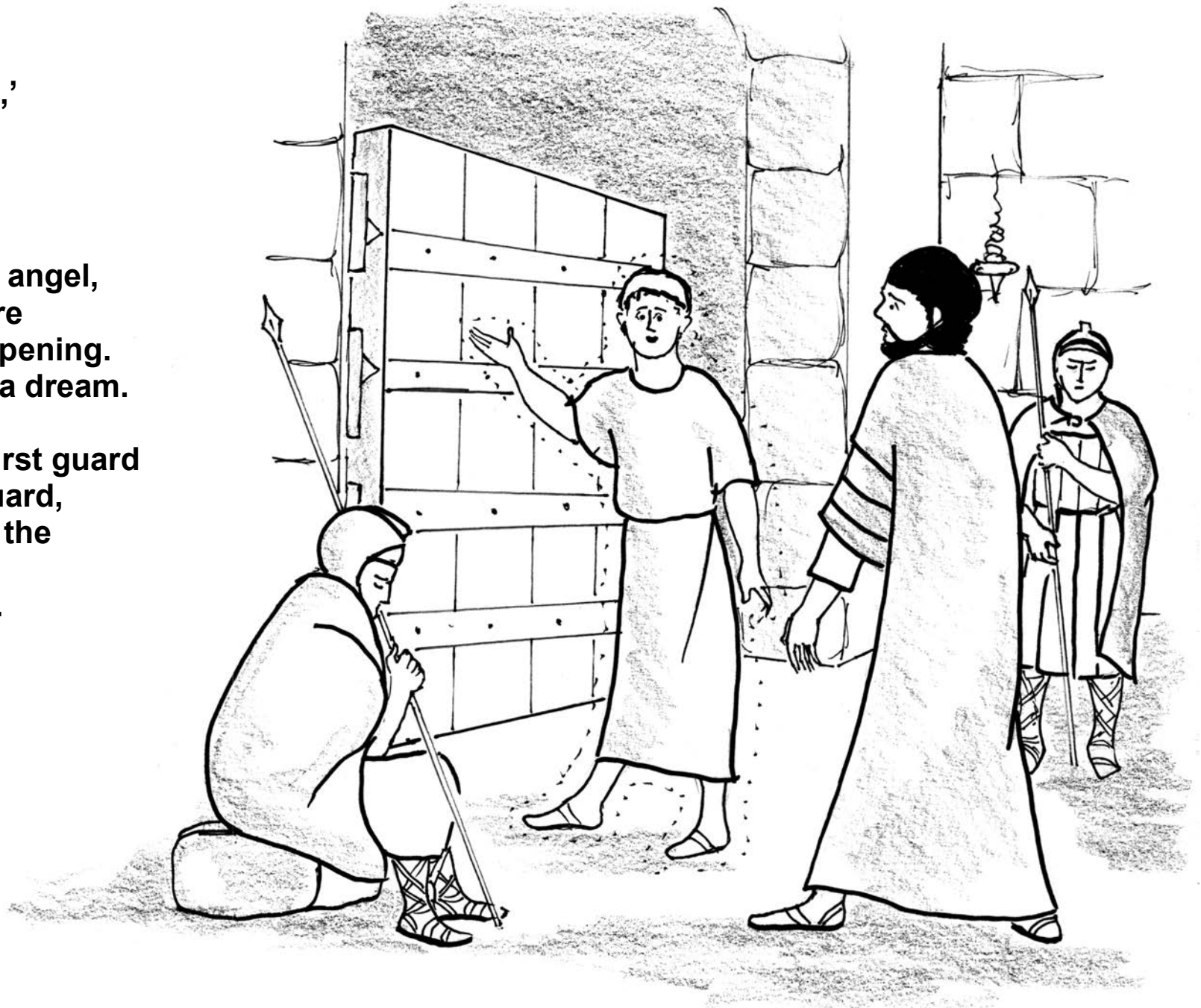


Peter's chains fell off his wrists.

**'Get dressed and
put on your shoes,'
said the angel.
'Put on your coat
and follow me.'**

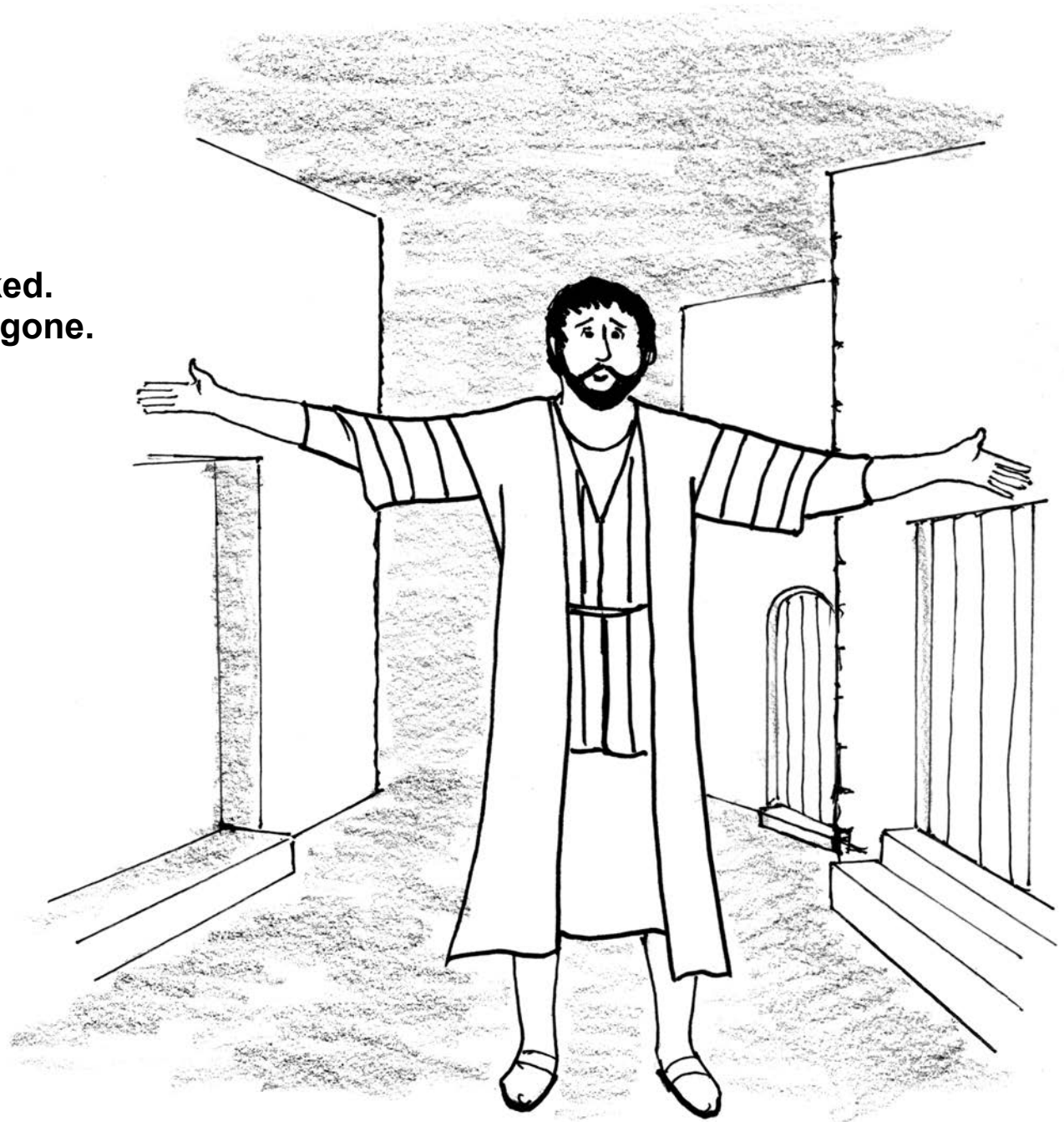
**Peter followed the angel,
but he was not sure
if it was really happening.
He thought it was a dream.**

**They passed the first guard
and the second guard,
then they came to the
big iron gate.
It opened by itself.**



**Through the gate
and down the street they walked.
Then suddenly the angel was gone.
Peter realised that
what had happened was real.**

**He said,
'The Lord has sent an angel
to rescue me from Herod
and the Jewish people.'**



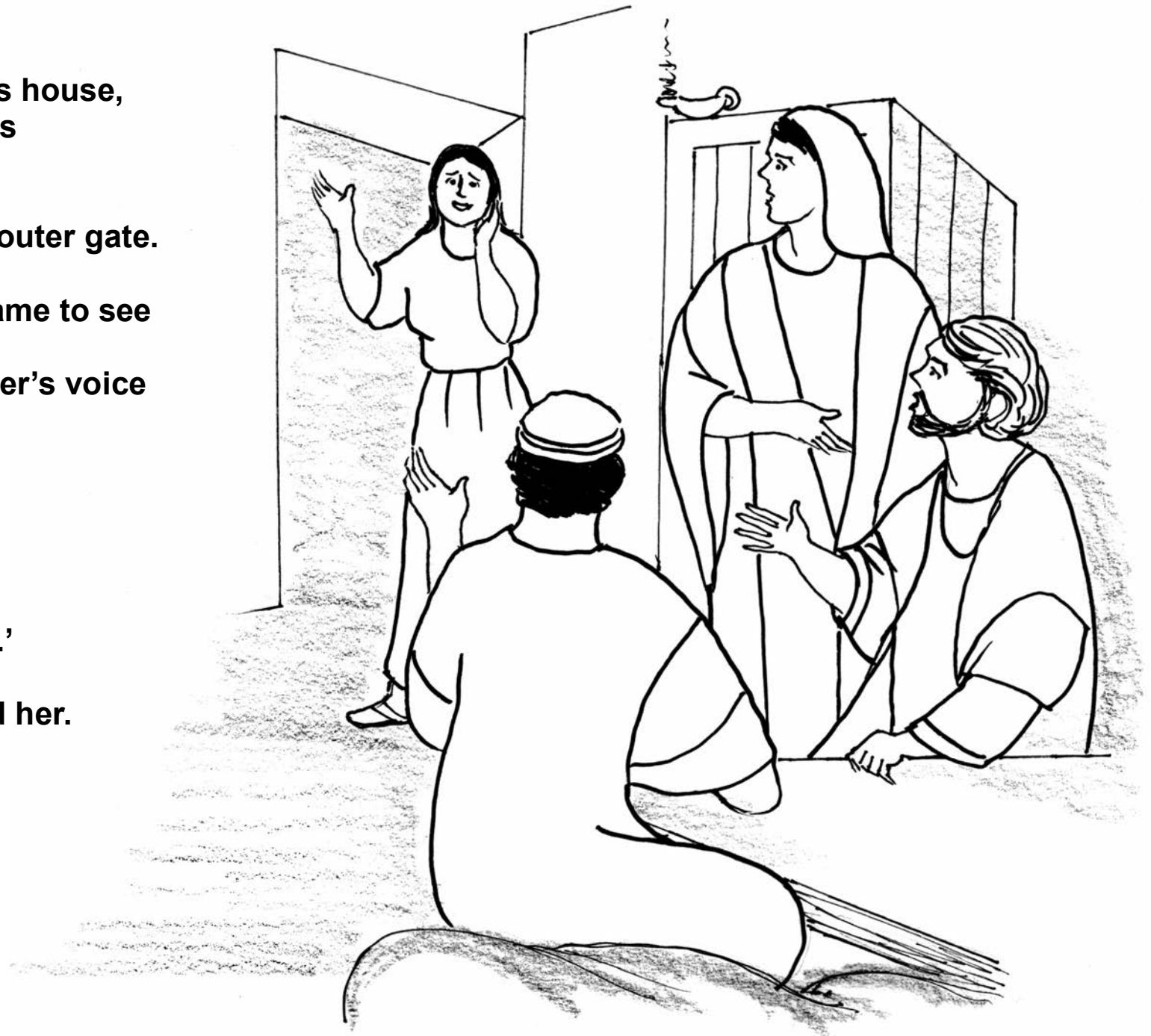
**Straight away
Peter went to Mary's house,
where the Christians
were praying.**

He knocked on the outer gate.

**Rhoda, the maid, came to see
who was knocking.
She recognised Peter's voice
and was so happy
that she ran inside
not thinking
to open the gate.**

**She said,
'Peter is at the gate.'**

But no one believed her.



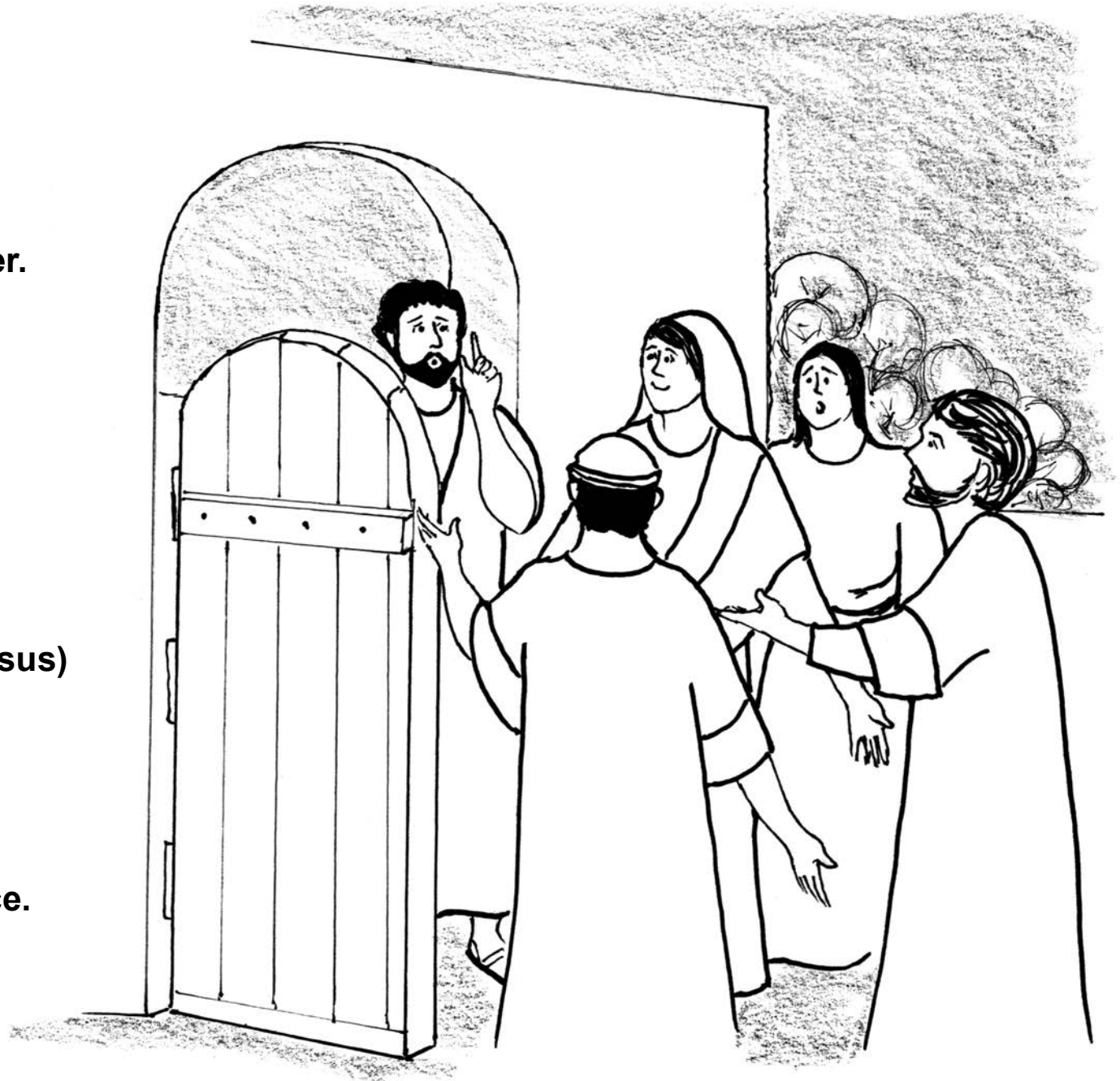
**Peter kept knocking.
They all came
and opened the gate.
They were amazed
when they saw him.**

‘Shh! Be quiet,’ said Peter.

**Then he told them
how the Lord
had brought him past
the guards,
through the gates
and out of the prison.**

**He asked them to tell
James (the brother of Jesus)
and the believers
that the Lord had
saved him.**

**Peter left his friends
and went to another place.**



**In the morning, at the prison,
there was confusion.
The soldiers wondered
what had happened to Peter.
They did not know.**

**Herod searched for him
and questioned the guards,
but they could not find him.
He did not know
that God had saved Peter.**

**God was looking after
Peter and His church.**

