

LESSON PLAN

Lesson Number: 167

Grade Level: 4-6

Date:

Title: Conflict (Deliverance)
 Text/Story: Acts 12:1-11; 1 Cor. 10:13; 2 Peter 2:9
 Main idea: God offers deliverance from the snares of Satan
 Key Verse: 2 Samuel 22:2

Time	Activity	Description
	Pre-Lesson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials: a heavy duty metal chain, and a paper chain • Ask if any volunteers will try pulling the metal chain apart; ask volunteers to pull the paper chain apart • Tell how Satan uses many things to bind us and defeat us: like the metal chain, we find it impossible to break free; but to God these chains are like the paper ones, and with His power, He will set us free if we ask Him
	Object Lesson	
	Lesson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read the verses together; explain vocabulary or have students use dictionary or Bible handbooks to clarify meanings • Provide "God Delivers Peter" worksheet and a pencil to each student • Ask students to correct the story individually or in groups • Go over the answers when complete
	Acts 12:1-11	
	Post-Lesson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials: small strips of paper to make a paper chain, 3x5 cards, markers, glue • Divide the class in two • Assign one group to brainstorm problems Satan uses to bind us (see brainstorm suggestions sheet for possibilities) • Assign the other group to write God's promises for deliverance on 3x5 cards (or on paper shaped like hammer or axe); see suggestions sheet • Tape the paper chain and the cards on wall to display • Discuss their work
	Paper Chains	

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(Acts 12:1-11)



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When he had caught Peter, he put him in the palace, and commanded two quaternions of soldiers to keep him. The king wanted to bring Peter forth to the people at Purim. But prayer was made at night by the church unto God for him.

Peter that night slept in the middle of five soldiers, bound with two ropes: and the keepers before the windows kept the prison.

And a disciple came upon him, shook him, raised him up and his chains fell off his feet. And he said unto him, "Wash thyself, and bind on your sandals. Grab a sword and follow me." Peter followed him, but thought it was a trick.

When they came to the wooden gate, it opened as Peter kicked it. And they went out and passed on through one street, and they went home together.

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When he had caught Peter, he put him in the ~~palace~~ ^{prison}, and commanded ~~two~~ ^{four} quaternions of soldiers to keep him. The king wanted to bring Peter forth to the people at ~~Purim~~ ^{Easter}. But prayer was made ~~at night~~ ^{without ceasing} by the church unto God for him.

Peter that night slept ~~in the middle of five~~ ^{between two} soldiers, bound with two ~~ropes~~ ^{Chains}; and the keepers before the ~~windows~~ ^{door} kept the prison.

And ~~a~~ ^{the} angel of the Lord ~~smote~~ ^{smote} his side. And ~~a~~ ^{disciple} came upon him, ~~shook~~ ^{shook} him, raised him up and his chains fell off his ~~feet~~ ^{hands}. And he said unto him, "Wash thyself, and bind on your sandals. ~~Grab~~ ^{Cast thy} ~~garment on~~ ^{garment on} a sword and follow me." Peter followed him, but thought ~~it was a trick~~ ^{he saw a vision}.

When they came to the ~~wooden~~ ^{iron} gate, it opened ~~as Peter kicked it~~ ^{by itself}. And they went out and passed on through one street, and ~~they went home together~~ ^{the angel departed from him}.

DELIVERANCE

Suggestions for Brainstorm

CHAINS THAT BIND US

Bad Habits

smoking
drinking
anorexia
over-eating
drugs
too much T.V.
too much video games
nail biting

Fears

death
sickness
rejection
losing friends
losing family
loneliness

False Religions

idol worship
cults

GOD'S PROMISES

1 Cor. 10:13
2 Peter 2:9
Psalm 116:8
2 Samuel 22:2
Psalm 18:48
Psalm 34:4
Psalm 54:7
Matthew 6:13
Romans 8:28



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Supplemental Scriptures: Psalm 91; Acts 5:17-23; Romans 8:37-39

MAIN IDEA: When Satan tries to tempt us, God will always offer us a way out.

OPENER: Bring in a large jar with a mouth just big enough so that a child's hand can fit in when it is not curled into a fist. Fill the jar half-way with M&M's, gum balls, pennies or some other small item that is easy to grab in a handful. Ask the kids to take turns trying to get handfuls out of the jar. The kids will soon realize that they can not get their hands out of the jar unless they let go of the items in their hands. Eventually one of the students might decide to pour a handful out of the jar. Relate these scenarios to temptation.

1) Sometimes, we must let go of something we treasure in order to be obedient to God, and to get out of a tempting situation. 2) When temptation comes, God will provide another way.

LESSON: Read the text in Acts 12:1-11. Have the students try to imagine what Peter must have been feeling during different parts of the story. What might he have been thinking when he was taken to the prison? How was he able to sleep peacefully knowing that Herod had executed James only a short time before? What was it like for him to wake up to find that an angel was leading him out of the prison? What did the chains feel like? Were they heavy or light, cold or warm? What did it feel like when the chains dropped from his arms and legs? What about the moment when the gates opened of their own accord and Peter found himself outside, free! Try to get the students to really enter

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in to the story. Peter could have been tempted to just give up and not to have faith.

Peters' friends could have decided not to pray, but instead they had faith in God. Bring out the fact that God knew where Peter was the whole time. God knew what was happening. He had a plan, and all Peter and his friends could do was to trust God and pray.

APPLICATION: In order to expect God to deliver us from temptation, we must be sure that we have given ourselves to him. If it is our true desire to do God's will, he will keep us in the center of it. **See Worksheets -Matching Page, Deliverance, and "What must I do to be saved?".** Use the sheet on steps to salvation as a discussion starter. Then wrap-up with an invitation to pray.

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In the acrostic below, write out how each word or statement relates to deliverance. Then use the spaces on the right to come up with your own acrostic for the word.

No **D**eath
Eternal life
Love
Trust **I**n Jesus
Victory
In **E**very situation
Requires obedience
Always a way out when there is temptation
When **N**o we obey
Comfort
Exactly when it is needed

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MATCHING

God has promised to make a way out for us whenever we are tempted. Unlike Peter in today's story, you are probably not facing prison or death because of your belief in Jesus; However, there are many other types of temptation. Match the scriptures listed below with what the deliverance is from.

Psalm 18:48

temptation

Psalm 34:4

trouble

Psalm 54:7

enemies

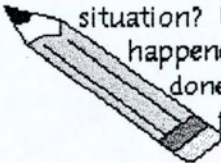
Matthew 6:13

fears

2 Peter 2:9

evil

Have you ever had a time in your life when God has helped you through a difficult situation? Use the space below to draw a picture about it or write down what happened. Part of overcoming temptation is telling others what God has done for you, so be ready to share your story with the class, or tell a friend about it.



Salvation is God's ultimate deliverance. Through Jesus' death on the cross, God delivers us from our sins and makes us ready to be with Him for eternity.



What Must I Do To Be Saved?

For God so LOVED the world, that He gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

KNOW
YOUR
SIN

In order to get saved, you must be aware that you need salvation. All people have sinned, and need to experience God's forgiveness.

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."
(Romans 3:23)

CONFESS

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
1 John 1:9



"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out." Acts 3:19

You must be sorry for your sin.

FORSAKE

Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (1 Corinthians 5:17)

If you are truly sorry for the things you have done wrong, you will want to change. You must turn from your sins, and ask God to make a lasting change in your life. He is able!

BELIEVE

You must believe that God exists, and that he will do what he promised in his word.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16:31