

## AN ANGEL HELPS PETER

Have you ever heard of an angel helping someone who is in trouble? That is so cool hey! Well that is one of the jobs of God's angels. Let me tell you a true story about that.



A man called Peter was one of Jesus' close friends when He was still on earth. He loved Jesus very much and also told other people about



children.

Jesus. After Jesus went back to heaven, Peter and many other of Jesus' followers, went around telling people about Jesus. The ruler of their country didn't know Jesus and he didn't like it at all that they were telling people about Jesus. So he ordered that they be caught and killed. But you don't have to worry, they didn't do that to the

The guards caught Peter and put him in jail.

They tied  
him up  
with chains.



4 guards watched him. They wanted to make sure that Peter doesn't escape. That night Peter slept all chained up between 2 guards. The other 2 guards stood watch at the door. It was very uncomfortable for Peter and he was not sure what was going to happen to him.

In the meantime, when Jesus' followers heard about this, they all got together and prayed very seriously for Peter.

During that same night an angel of the Lord stood in the jail. He was so bright that it looked as if someone had put on a bright light. The angel bumped Peter on his hip and Peter woke up.



He didn't know what was happening to him! Before he could say a word, the angel spoke to him!

"Get up quickly!"

Immediately all the chains came loose. Peter was so amazed! He looked around but the angel didn't want to waste any time!

"Put on your shoes and your cloak. Then come and follow me." the angel said.

This angel was in a big hurry and Peter quickly did what the angel told him to do. He followed the angel. There was no time to look around or even think about what was happening to him.



He also didn't realized that all this was for real! He thought he was having a wonderful dream! They walked past the first set of guards and then past the second set of guards. And the guards didn't even see them! That's am? It was as if Peter and the angel were invisible!

As they got to the main gate of the jail, the doors just opened by itself! Wow! No magic or anything like that. This is the power which God gives angels. God is amazing! They walked down the street in the dark and then into the next street. Now nobody from the jail could see them. Suddenly the angel just disappeared!

For a moment Peter was not sure what to do. But only then he knew this was for real, not a dream. He said to himself:

"Now I know that it really was an angel which the Lord sent to rescue me from my enemies!"

He quickly went to Maria's house, where all Jesus' followers were still praying for him. He needed to hide before the guards realize that he is gone. He knocked and knocked urgently on the door. One of the servant girls, Rhodé, opened the door.

When she saw Peter, she got such a fright that she closed the door again, leaving Peter still standing outside! Peter didn't expect that.

Rhodé was so excited! She ran upstairs and told the people that she saw Peter! But they didn't believe her! They thought that she was just seeing things. They didn't expect God to answer their prayers so quickly! Peter kept on knocking on the door and Rhodé ran downstairs again, opened the door and let Peter in.



Can you imagine how shocked and exited they all were to see Peter standing there! They were probably laughing and crying for joy all at the same time! They probably danced around with happiness too. I bet you would do that too, hey!

Peter told them about the angel and all the miracles God had done. His chains which just fell off him without anybody even touching him. That the guards kept on sleeping and that they became invisible to the guards. Also how the gates just opened by itself without anybody touching it! Everybody was so amazed and so happy! They all thanked God for answering their prayers and for all the amazing miracles too! But most of all, they thanked God that Peter was still alive and safe again!

**You can read this story in the Bible in Acts 12.**

