

# Acts 12 Video

## The Power of Prayer

**Scripture:** Acts 12

**Memory Verse:** Acts 12:5 *“Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church.”*

**Lesson Focus:** Last week we studied this chapter in our classrooms and this week we will watch a Superbook video that portrays it well. While last week we emphasized the importance of taking a humble posture before God, this week emphasizes one of the things that we do in that humble posture: PRAY! Prayer is the secret weapon of the church and we will see the amazing way that God responds to the prayers of His people in this video.

**Teachers:** Please inform parents as they are dropping off their kids that they will be watching a Superbook video about Acts 12. While the video does not have any really intense moments in it, sensitive kids might get overly stimulated. If parents have any concerns, they may want to keep their kids with them in the main sanctuary. Also, the video uses some animation that might be wrongly taken as prayer being a little like magic. While this is the video’s way of illustrating the power of prayer, it may be good to clarify with the kids that prayer is not magic, but simply talking to God from our hearts!

Unfortunately, RightNow Media does not have this video available for you to preview. If you want to preview it, you can create a free Superbook account and watch it [here](#).

### **Schedule:**

- 1) Please bring kids into the main sanctuary as usual 10-15 minutes after service starts.
- 2) After our normal worship, we will introduce the video with some background information.
- 3) Sit down with the kids and watch the video with them (about 22 minutes).
- 4) Afterwards we will dismiss the kids back to their rooms for appropriate follow-up small group activities (see below).

**Room Time Afterwards:** See discussion questions below which we would encourage you to cover with your class to post-process the video a little bit.

We will also have a coloring page and a word maze available for the lesson.

**1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade Teachers:** We will also have a “praying hands” craft activity available for you to do with your kids.

# Discussion Qs

1. When Joy put on the virtual reality gadget that let her see the world, what bad things did she see that bothered her so much?
2. What are some bad things happening in the world today that might bother you? (Example: war in Israel!)
3. **Read Acts 12:1-3.** It was hard times for the early church. What are some of the bad things that happened?
4. After Peter was arrested, what did the early church decide to do? **Read Acts 12:5.**
5. Joy thought that “just praying” wasn’t “doing anything”. How was she wrong? **Read Acts 12:7.**
6. What did Joy learn about prayer, even when things seemed hopeless?
7. **Read Matthew 6:9-13.** This is called the Lord’s Prayer and it was something people in the video were praying. For centuries, Christians have prayed this prayer! While it is not magic words, it is a great way to pray. In this prayer, we say, “*Your will be done*”. What does that mean?

Leaders: Before you wrap-up the discussion, gather the kids around for some group prayer time. Ask them if they have any prayer requests and consider inviting some of them to pray out loud with you!