God Protects My Body

Have you ever been in a dangerous situation? Sometimes scary things can happen: stormy weather, natural disasters, illness, or accidents. Some dangers cannot be avoided, but God cares for you and **protects** you at all times.

One afternoon, a boy named Dan was riding home on his bicycle. **Unexpectedly**, a pickup truck turned in front of him. Dan hit the truck hard and was thrown off his bike. The helmet he was wearing saved him from head injuries, but he was **seriously** hurt and **required** surgery.

His parents prayed for God's healing. They asked other family members and friends to pray. The people in Dan's church also prayed for him.

Several days later, Dan thanked the Lord that he was able to leave the hospital and return home. His family, friends, and church also thanked the Lord for His protection from more serious injuries and for healing Dan's body.

Because of God's protection, sometimes the bad things that could happen to us do not happen. One of the ways God protects us from

danger is by sending angels. We cannot see God's angels, and we do not always know how and when they protect us.

In Acts 12, the Apostle Peter certainly knew he was in danger! James, another apostle, had already been arrested and put to death because he was a Christian. And now wicked King Herod had arrested Peter and put him in prison. Was Peter afraid? The Bible doesn't tell us, but it does say that "prayer for him was being made **fervently** by the church to God."

On the very night when Herod was going to hear Peter's case, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers who were guarding him. His wrists were bound with two chains, and guards in front of the door were watching over the prison.

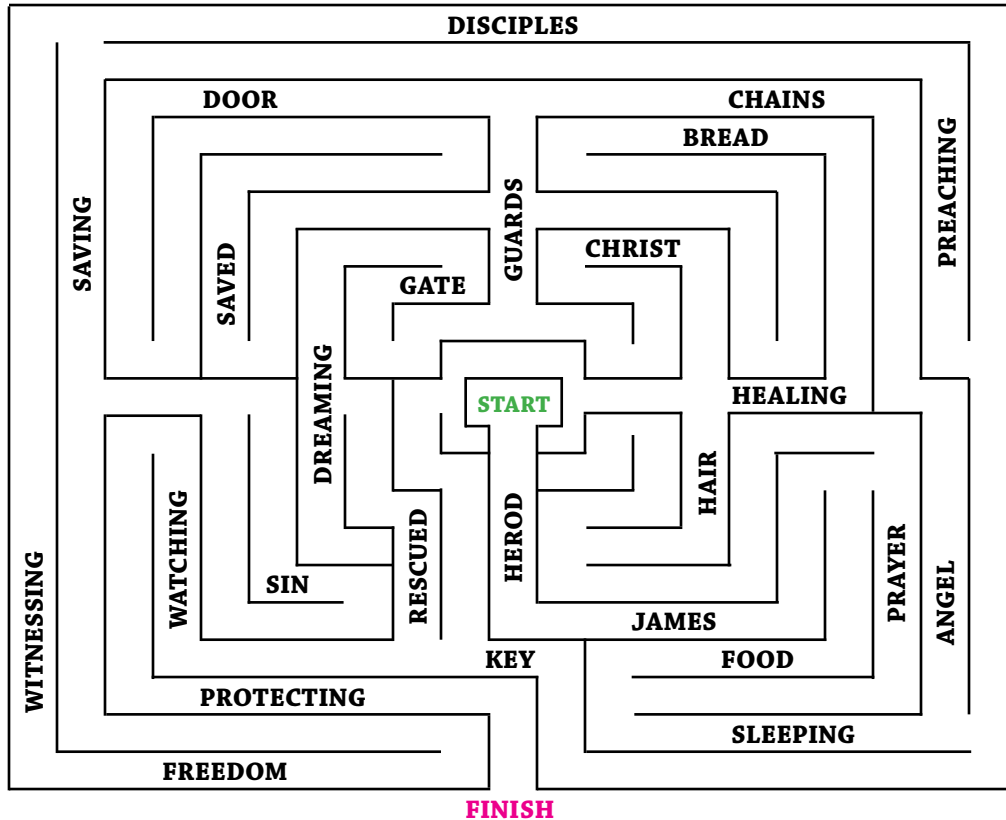Suddenly, an angel appeared and a bright light shone into Peter's cell. Striking Peter on the side, the angel woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." Miraculously, the chains fell off his hands. Peter put on his sandals and **cloak** and followed the angel. The angel led Peter right past the guards and through the main gate, which opened by itself.

Through all of this, Peter thought he was dreaming. But once he was on the street and the angel left him, Peter knew his **escape** was real. He said, "Now I know for sure that the Lord has sent forth His angel and **rescued** me from the hand of Herod."

God was watching over Peter and protected him. Even if you haven't been in a scary **situation** like Dan or Peter, you can be sure that the Lord is watching over and protecting you.

ACTIVITY 1

Escape from the maze by following the correct words to complete the story below. Can you identify the characters in the pictures?

DISCIPLES

DOOR CHAINS

BREAD

SAVING

GUARDS

PREACHING

CHRIST

SAVED

GATE

DREAMING

START

HEALING

WATCHING

HAIR

SIN

RESCUED

HEROD

PRAYER

ANGEL

WITNESSING

JAMES

KEY FOOD

PROTECTING

SLEEPING

FREEDOM

FINISH

_____ arrested Peter and put him in prison. _____ had already been arrested and put to death. _____ for Peter was being made fervently by the church of God. Peter was _____ between two soldiers who were guarding him. Suddenly, an _____ appeared in Peter's cell. The angel woke Peter up, and his _____ fell off. The angel led Peter past the _____ and through the main _____. Peter thought he was _____. When the angel left, Peter then knew he had been _____ from Herod. We can always be sure that the Lord is _____ over and _____ us too.

God Protects

Let's practice looking up some Bible verses. After reading the verse, write the name of the person or people who were protected.

I Samuel 14:45 _____

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Genesis 7:23 _____

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Daniel 6:21–22 _____

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Exodus 14:30 _____

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I Kings 17:1–4 _____

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Psalm 3:3 _____

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Acts 14:19–20 _____

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Matthew 2:19–20 _____

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II Thessalonians 3:3 _____

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Catechism

The First Article of Creation

I believe in God the Father Almighty, . . .

What does this mean?

. . . protects me from all danger, . . .

Memory Verse

For He will give His angels charge concerning you, to guard you in all your ways.

—Psalm 91:11

Enrichment Memory Verse: Psalm 18:2