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A Good News Story

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An Angel Frees Peter from Prison

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With the help of the Holy Spirit, the Apostles and the other new Christians continued to preach to the Jews about God and Jesus.

Some people did not like the Apostles' preaching. One was the Roman Empire's ruler of Judea, King Herod.

King Herod decided to have the Apostle James seized and put to death. When this pleased the Jews who did not believe in Jesus, he had Peter arrested. It was the feast of the Unleavened Bread, and King Herod figured he would put Peter on trial after Passover.

While Peter was in jail, he was secured in chains and guarded by 16 soldiers.

The night before he was to go on trial, Peter was secured in double chains, with a soldier on each side of him as he slept. The doors of the prison also were being guarded.

Suddenly, a great light shone in the cell



as an angel of God appeared next to Peter. The angel nudged him awake.

"Get up quickly," the angel said as the chains fell from Peter's wrists. The angel told Peter to put on his belt, sandals and cloak.

"Follow me," the angel instructed.

Peter did what he was told, although he thought he was having a vision, and that what was happening wasn't real.

Peter and the angel passed by several guards and came to the iron gate leading

out into the city. The gate opened by itself. The angel and Peter made their way into an alley, then the angel disappeared.

"Now I know for certain that (the) Lord sent His angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people had been expecting," Peter said to himself.

Peter made his way to a friend's house, where many people were gathered to pray for him. He knocked on the door, and when the maid recognized his voice, she ran to tell the others without letting him in.

His friends did not believe the maid, so when they answered the door, they were shocked to see him. Peter told them all about how the angel helped him to escape the jail.

The next morning, there was a great commotion at the jail. King Herod ordered a search for Peter, and when the Apostle could not be found, Herod had the jail guards tried and put to death.

Who had Peter arrested?

Who rescued Peter from jail?

Read more about it in Acts 12



Oh My Gosh! It's Field Day

School has wound down but not before the kids are wound up! To help the students get excited about playing outside, St. Patrick School in St. Charles held its annual field day.

Students take part in outdoor and indoor activities that help them stay healthy and well. Tug-o-war, relay races and hula hoop contests promote physical activity and cup-stacking helps promote coordination and team building.

St. Patrick students from kindergarten to fourth grade participated in the ups and downs of field day.



(Photos provided)

