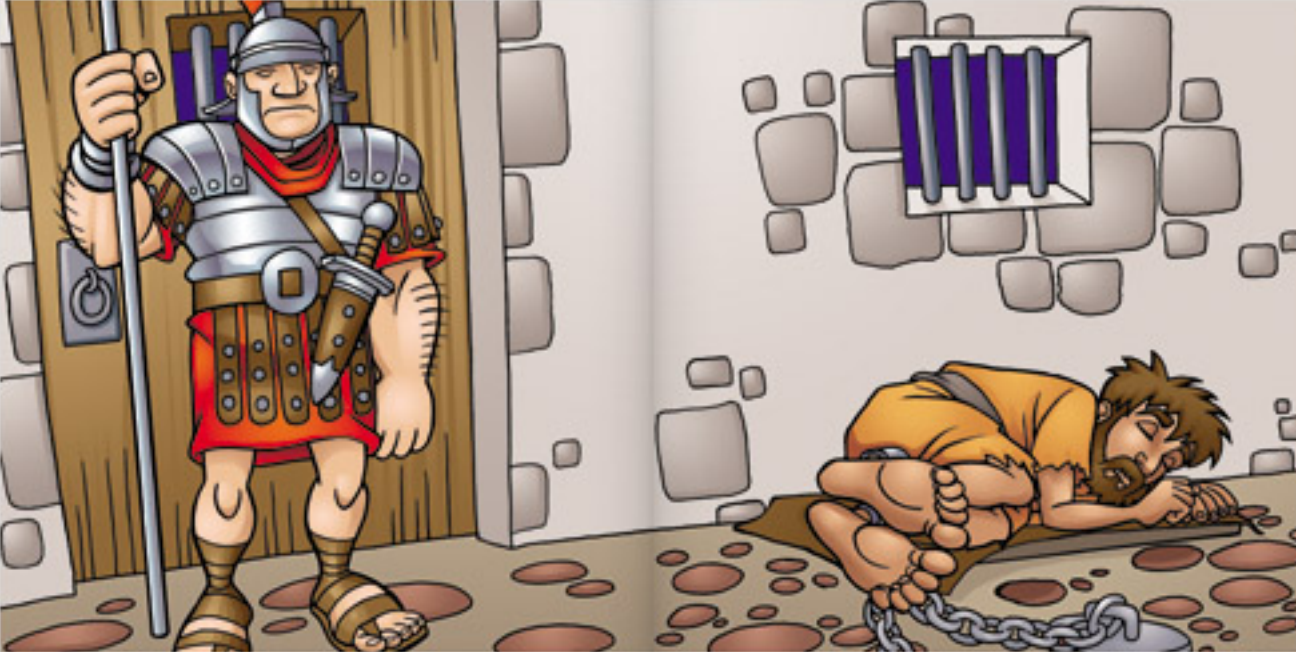


Impossible! Impossible!



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Peter was sleeping, but he was not at home.
He was not in his own bed.

Peter was sleeping on a small, hard mat
in a dark, dirty jail.



King Herod had thrown Peter into jail
because he was a Christian.



The king had placed four squads of soldiers
around Peter to watch him.



When Peter went to sleep he was chained beside two strong soldiers.



"It's impossible for Peter to get out," said one.
"Absolutely impossible," said the other.



But Peter's friends were praying for Peter.
They were all together at John Mark's house.

They prayed day and night. They knew that
nothing is impossible for God!



Suddenly, Peter saw a bright light. It was an angel.
"Get up, Peter. Follow me!"



Peter stood up. The chains fell off.
The soldiers were fast asleep.



Peter followed the angel. "Impossible!" he thought as he walked down the hall.



Peter followed the angel past the guards. He thought he was having a dream.



When the angel reached the big gate at the jail's entrance, it opened all by itself.

Peter and the angel walked down the dark street. Suddenly, the angel was gone!



Peter looked around. He was all alone
in the dark, dark night.

Now, Peter knew that he had not been dreaming.
Peter was free!



Peter walked quickly to John Mark's house and knocked on the door.

A young girl named Rhoda heard the knock on the door. She went to see who was there.



"It's Peter!" Rhoda cried. She was so excited to see Peter that she forgot to open the door!

"Impossible! Impossible!" everyone said.
"Peter is locked in jail!"



No one believed Rhoda, but Peter kept knocking. Finally, someone opened the door.

Then Peter came in and told everyone about the angel. Everyone was amazed!



"Nothing is impossible with God!" said Peter.
And everyone agreed!

Literature Connection

Read aloud about Peter's miraculous escape from
Acts 12: 1-17.

Conversation Starters

What might you pray for if you were in a scary place?

Why doesn't God always give us exactly what we pray for?

What are some other Scripture stories that talk about angels?



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