

Proverbs 17:17
A friend loves at all times.

Application Point

I can pray for my friends

Bible Story

Peter in jail
Acts 12

Today's Doodad



Review Time

Gather the children and use the Review Cards to recap the story and apply the lesson to their lives. End with prayer.

1. I can pray for my friends.
2. God can help my friends when I pray for them.
3. What is one way you can pray for a friend?



- Conversations Stations/Check-In
Countdown
Lil'K Program
Group Activity Time
Craft Time
Snack Time
Review Time
Conversation Stations/Check-Out

Conversation Stations

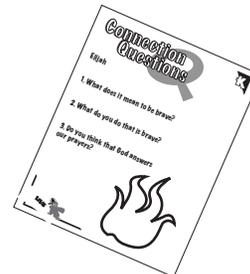
Sit with the children during Conversation Station time and discuss the three Connection Questions.

Conversation Station Options:

1. Blocks
2. Lacing Cards
3. Giant Road Play Mat w/Cars
4. Coloring Pages

Connection Questions:

1. What is talking to God called?
2. Does God always hear us when we talk to Him?
3. What is one way you can pray for a friend?





Group Activity Time

Craft Time

Group Activity Time provides an active learning experience to review lesson concepts.

Option #1 – Get out of Jail

What you need: A Large, open space

What you do: Have one player, the guard, stand 30 feet or more away from the other players, the prisoners. To start, she yells "Out of jail" and then turns her back to the prisoners, who begin to advance toward her to touch her hand. At any moment and without notice, the guard can whirl around and shout, "Freeze!" Then, the prisoners must halt completely. Any unlucky prisoner caught moving must return to the starting line. The first prisoner to reach the guard becomes the guard for the next game.

What you say: *In our story today, Peter's friends were praying for him. Do you remember where Peter was? That's right, in jail, even though he hadn't done anything wrong. God sent an angel to help Peter escape. The friends prayed for Peter and God answered their prayers. God can help your friends too when you pray for them. What is one way you could pray for a friend?*

Option #2 – Popcorn Prayer

What you need: Ball

What you do: Have the children sit in a circle. Brainstorm with the children specific ways that they can pray for their friends. Pass a ball to the first child in the circle. Have that child tell the name of a friend and how they are going to pray for that friend before tossing the ball to someone else in the circle. Once each child has had a turn to share, pray with the children as a group.

What you say: *In our story today, Peter's friends were praying for him. Do you remember where Peter was? That's right, in jail, even though he hadn't done anything wrong. God sent an angel to help Peter escape. The friends prayed for Peter and God answered their prayers. God can help your friends too when you pray for them. What is one way you could pray for a friend?*

Option #3 – Prayer Tower

What you need: Blocks

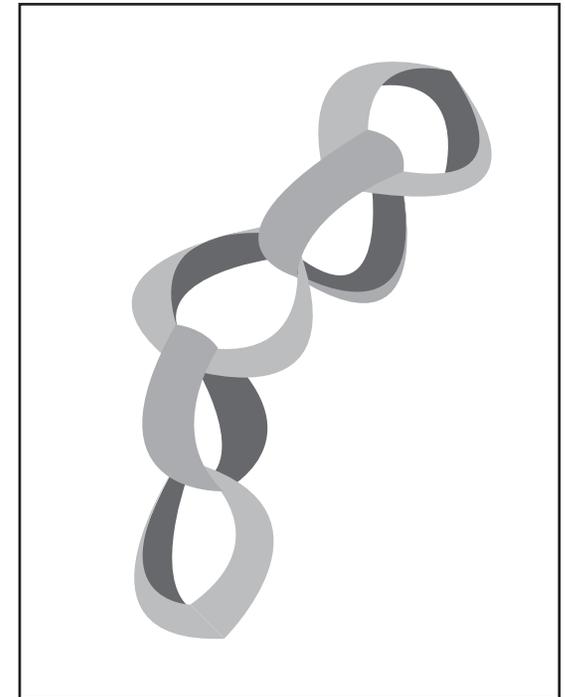
What you do: One at a time, each child takes a block and stacks it on the tower. As they stack their block they say a friend's name and how they will pray for that friend. Once each child has had a turn, pray with the children as a group.

What you say: *In our story today, Peter's friends were praying for him. Do you remember where Peter was? That's right, in jail, even though he hadn't done anything wrong. God sent an angel to help Peter escape. The friends prayed for Peter and God answered their prayers. God can help your friends too when you pray for them. What is one way you could pray for a friend?*

Prayer Chain

Supplies:

- Construction paper strips (2"x10")
- Glue
- Markers



Directions:

1. Give each child 10 to 15 paper strips. To start, an adult (or the child if possible) will write the name of a friend that they will pray for on one strip. Glue it into a loop.
2. Continue adding links to the chain, writing friends names on as many as possible.
3. Remind the children that when they look at their paper chains they can pray for those friends whose names are written on the chain. Talk about specific ways that they can pray for their friends.

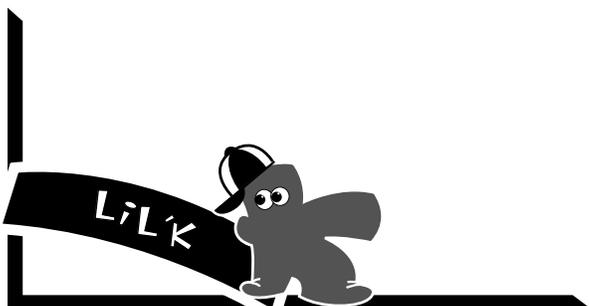
Connection Questions



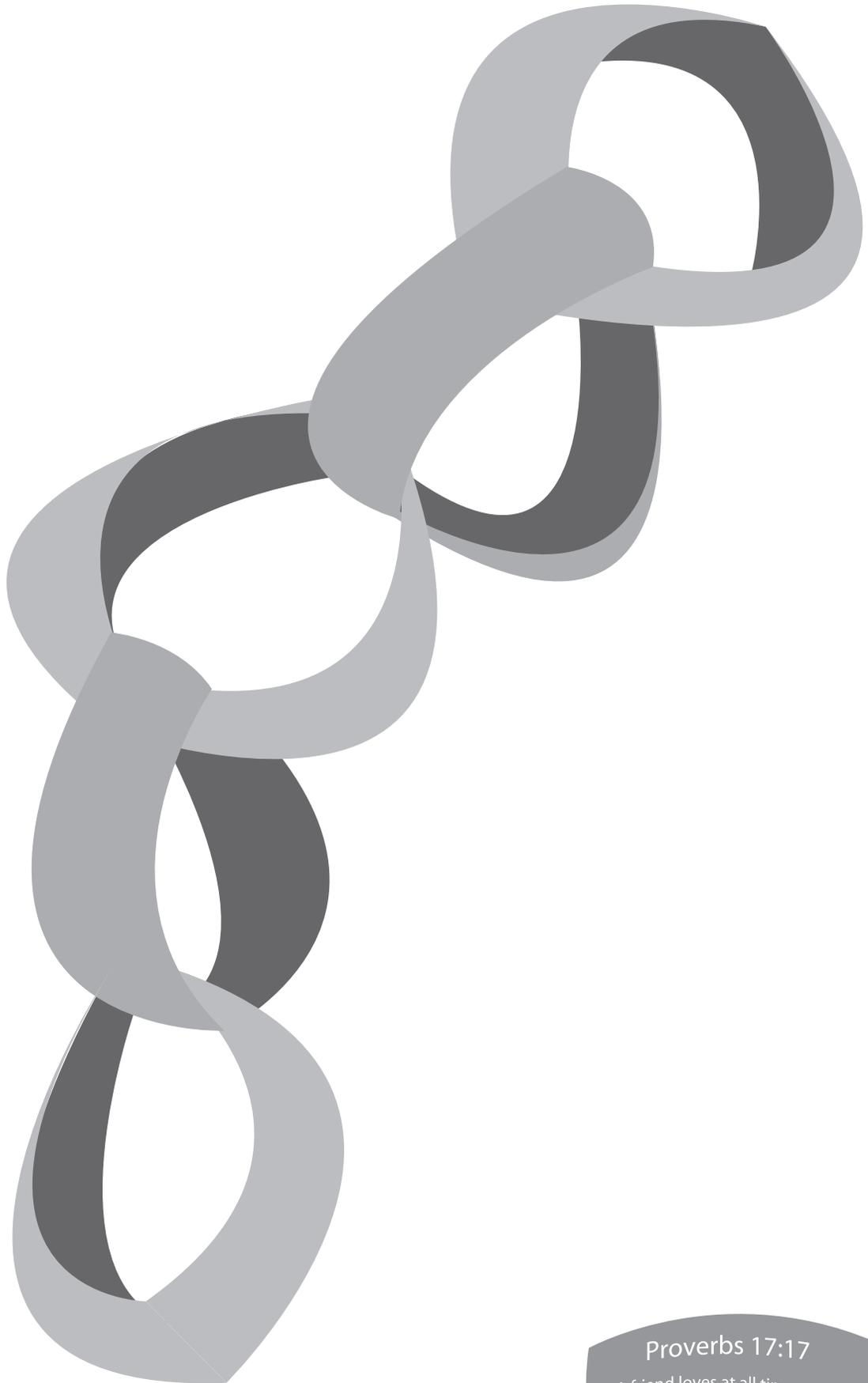
1. What is talking to God called?

2. Does God always hear us when we talk to Him?

3. What is one way you can pray for a friend?

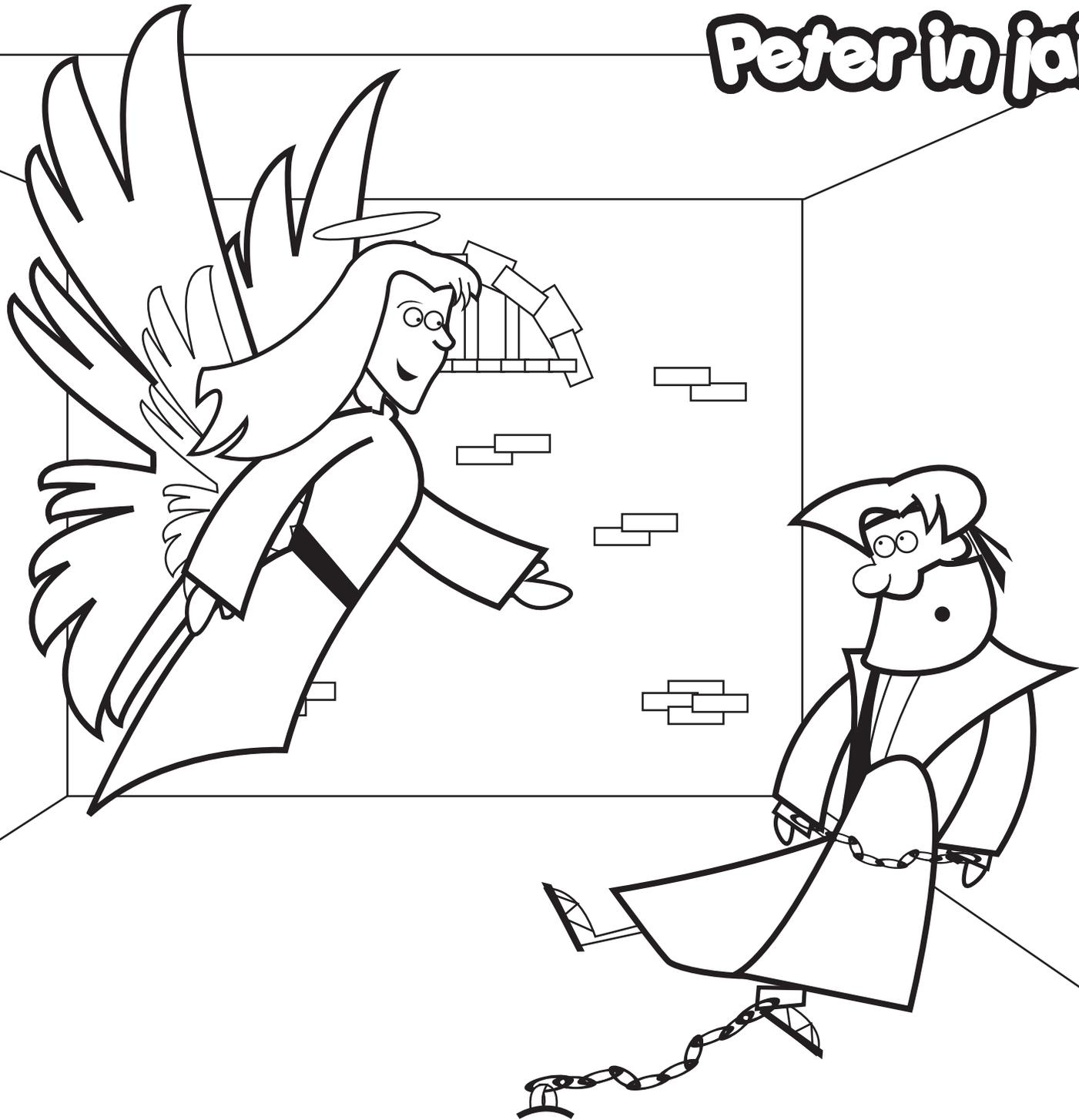


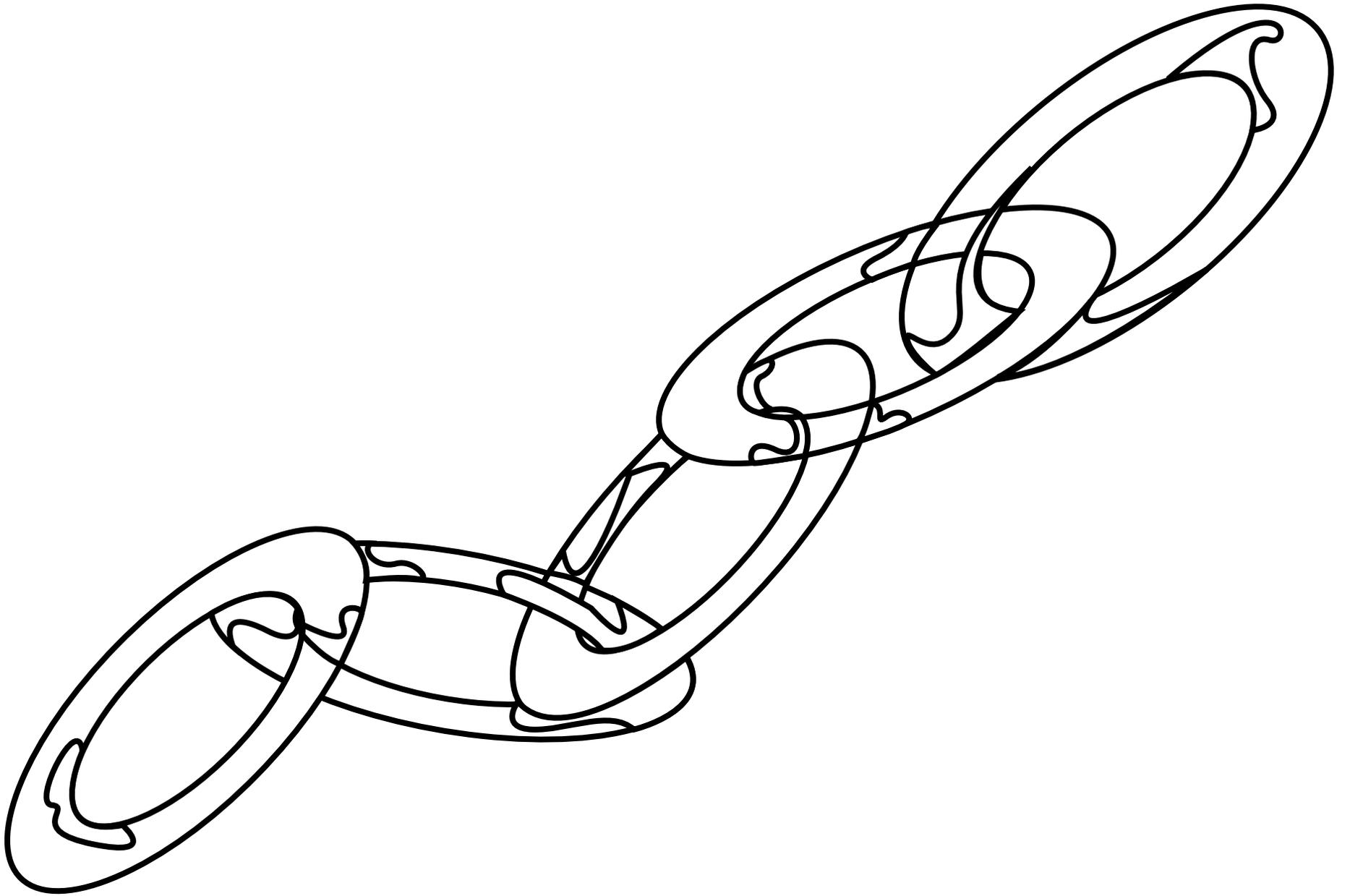
EXAMPLE ONLY!!! Do Not Print

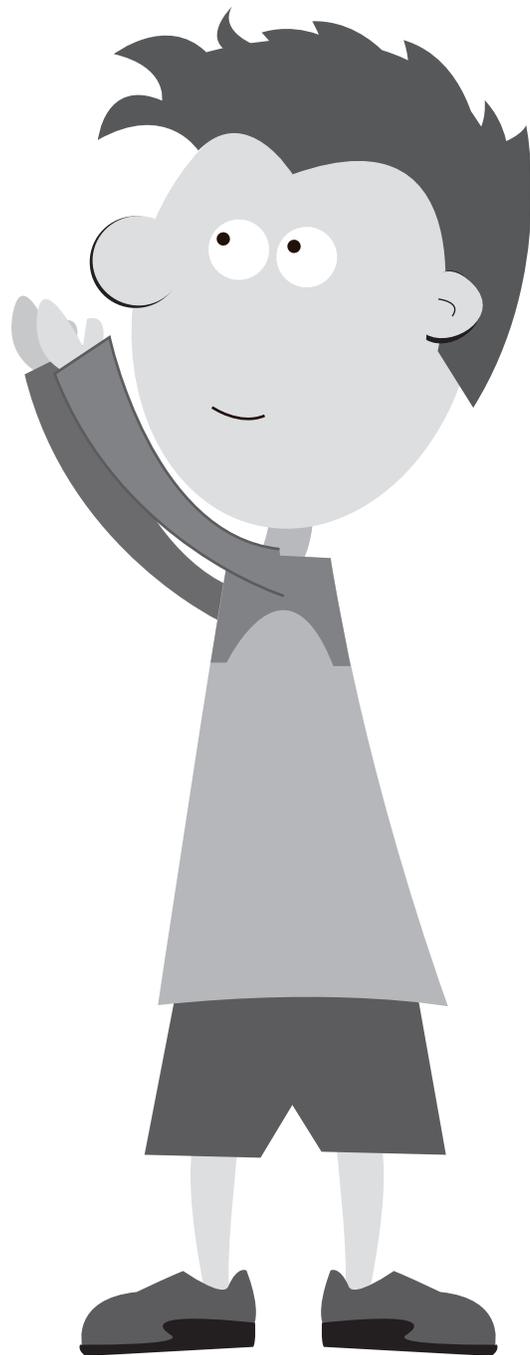


Proverbs 17:17
A friend loves at all times.

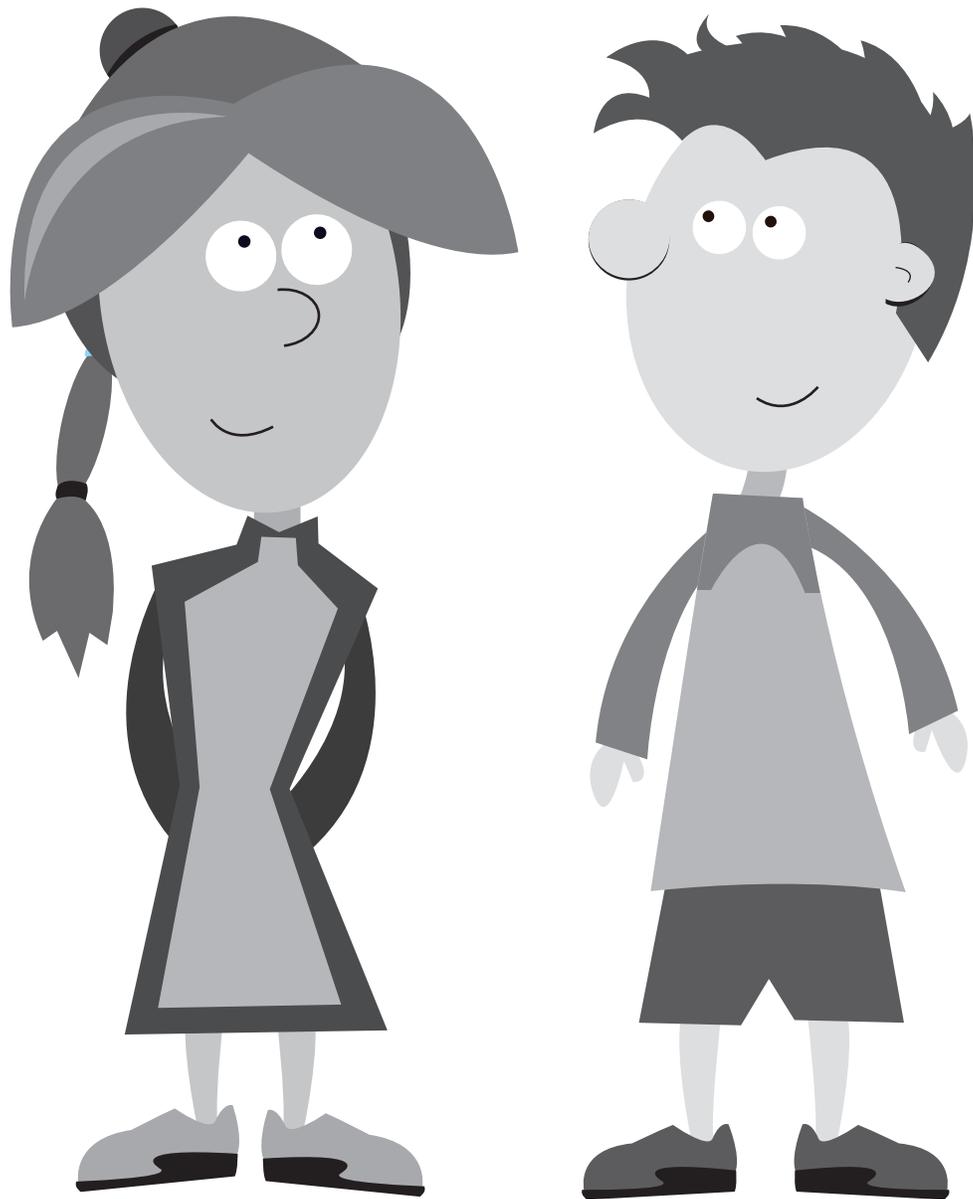
Peter in jail







I can pray for my friends.



God can help my friends when I
pray for them.

What is one way you can pray
for a friend?

PRAYER RIBBON PROJECT

A prayer ribbon will help your child remember friends that he can pray for daily. Hang it on a wall where it will be seen regularly. **What you will need:**

Ribbon (2" x 3'), mini clothespins, 3x5 cards, crayons.

What you will do: Hang the ribbon vertically on the wall. Have your child use the 3x5 cards to draw pictures of those people or things that he wants to remember to pray for each day. Clothespin the pictures to the ribbon.

Choose a friend you will pray for this week. Draw a picture of your friend below. Tell your Mom or Dad how you will pray for him.



Teach someone in your family the motions for the remember verse.

Proverbs 17:17

A friend loves at all times.



Episode #4

I CAN BE
A FRIEND

Peter was one of Jesus' friends. He loved to go around and tell others about Jesus. Lots of people listened to Peter and chose to love Jesus too. One man, King Herod, didn't love Jesus and he didn't like it that Peter was telling people about Jesus. King Herod came up with a mean plan. He had Peter thrown in jail and had many soldiers guard him so that he couldn't escape. They even put chains around Peter's wrists so that he couldn't get away. Now Peter had lots of friends and they started to pray for Peter. They wanted him to get out of jail. One night as Peter was sleeping, an angel came into his jail cell. Do you think Peter was surprised? The angel told Peter, "Quick, get up and follow me." When he did, the chains fell off his wrists.

Peter followed the angel right out of the jail cell. He went to the house where his friends were praying and knocked on the door. When Peter's friends opened the door, they saw that Peter had been released from jail. God answered their prayers for their friend Peter.

I can pray for my friends.
God can help my friends when I pray for them.
What is one way you can pray for a friend?

Color this angel that helped Peter!
She can be any color you like!

