

MISSIONARY STORIES

REAL STORIES ABOUT SPREADING GODS WORD

The House God Hid!

THIS STORY IS ABOUT: GOD PROTECTS HIS PEOPLE

BIG IDEA

God watches over His children and can keep them safe even when there is danger all around. We can always trust Him to take care of us.

THE STORY

In a country called China, long ago, it was sometimes very hard to be a Christian. But a group of believers loved Jesus so much that they wanted to worship Him anyway.

One day, they gathered together in a cozy little house. They sang songs to Jesus, they read the Bible, and they bowed their heads to pray. Their hearts were full of joy and peace.

But outside, some officers came walking up the street. They were looking for the believers, and soon they surrounded the whole house!

Inside, the believers heard the footsteps. Did they panic? No! They closed their eyes and began to pray even harder. 'Lord Jesus,' they prayed quietly, 'please keep us safe.'



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THE STORY CONTINUES

Something amazing began to happen. The officers walked all around the area, searching and searching. They even walked right past the house, not just once, but several times!

But it was as if the house had become invisible. The officers looked and looked, yet they never found the meeting. God had hidden His children right before their eyes!

After a while, the tired officers gave up. They turned around and went away, without finding anyone at all.

Inside, the believers opened their eyes and smiled at one another. They were safe! They knew that God Himself had protected them that day.

They thanked Jesus together for being their hiding place and their shield. What a mighty God they served!

This wasn't the only time God protected His people like this. Many believers told stories of how God kept them safe during hard times, just like a loving Father watching over His children.





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DID YOU KNOW?

- The believers were meeting safely in a home, just like Christians did in the very first churches in the Bible.
- The officers walked right past the house several times but still could not find the meeting!
- Many believers in the True Jesus Church told similar true stories of God protecting them during hard times.
- This testimony was collected in a special book made in 2019 to remember 100 years of the church's history.

MEMORY VERSE

“Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble.” Psalm 32:7

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. What did the believers do when they heard the officers outside?
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- 2 What amazing thing happened when the officers walked past the house?

- 3 Why do you think God chose to hide the believers that day?

- 4 The believers prayed when they felt scared. What can you do when you feel afraid?

- 5 Can you think of a time God kept you or your family safe? How did it make you feel?

LET'S PRAY

Dear Jesus, thank You for being my hiding place and keeping me safe. When I feel scared, help me remember that You are always watching over me. Thank You for loving Your children all around the world. In Your name I pray, Amen.

TRY THIS!

Play a fun game of Hide and Seek! After the game, sit in a circle and talk about how God hid the believers so the officers couldn't find them. Then make a 'God Keeps Me Safe' shield out of paper, and write or draw all the ways God protects you on it.

