



Grades 6-8 Resource Guide

WHO WAS PETER?

Who was Peter?

- A family man; a husband with a wife and mother-in-law
- Fisherman
- Had at least one brother, Andrew
- Jewish
- Stubborn, hot tempered, loyal, impulsive, and bold
- Became a tremendous leader of the Church after learning to “follow” Jesus’ way
- Died in Rome as a martyr

Scriptural Passages:

Simon is called by Jesus: Mt 4:18-20

Peter walking on the water: Mt 14:28-33

Peter’s confession about Jesus: Mt 16:13-18

Jesus declares Peter “the rock” and gives him “the keys”: Mt 16:18-20

Peter’s denial of Jesus foretold: Mk 14:27-31

Peter’s denial of Jesus: Mk 14:66-72

Washing of the disciples’ feet: Jn 13:1-15

“Feed my sheep” Peter with Jesus: Jn 21:15-19

Choosing Judas’s replacement: Acts 1:15-26

Peter’s preaching: Acts 3:11-26

Peter’s escape from prison: Acts 12:6-19

Council of Jerusalem: Acts: 15:1-35 (esp. 15:6-12)

Suggested Activities:

- Have students pick cards with the names of Peter’s character traits written on them from a selection of prepared cards. Students will describe personality traits in themselves that relate to traits that are attributed to Peter on their cards. Materials Needed: Index cards

labeled with types of character traits. Students may be asked to choose one positive trait they see in another classmate for the purpose of further discussion.

- Have students role play Jesus and Peter as Jesus interviews Peter for the job. Focus on trying to persuade Peter that he can use his characteristics for positive change.
- Read a scripture passage related to Peter. Re-write it as a modern newspaper story.
- Divide the students into small groups and assign each group (for the more extensive texts more than one group could be assigned) to look up the following scripture passages referring to St. Peter. After the citations have all been read, the teacher can then ask the students to explain what each citation says or reveals about St. Peter. The teacher may then proceed to elaborate upon the student responses and what these passages reveal to us about St. Peter and the ministry of the Pope by highlighting the following key themes: primacy of Peter and the triple ministry of the Pope (as bishop of Rome) - governing, teaching, sanctifying:

- Matthew 4:18-22
- Matthew 10: 1-4
- Matthew 16:16-19
- Matthew 17:1-9
- Matthew 17: 24-27
- Matthew 26:37
- Matthew 28-16-20
- Mark 3:13-19
- Mark 5:37-43
- Mark 8:29-33
- Mark 9:2-7
- Mark 13:2-5
- Mark 14:32-33
- Mark 16:7-8
- Mark 16:14-20
- Luke 6:13-16
- Luke 8:51-56
- Luke 9:28-36
- Luke 22:7-8
- Luke 22:31-32
- Luke 24:10-12
- Luke 24:33-34
- John 1:40-44
- John 11:51-52
- John 20:2-10
- John 20:20-23
- John 21:15-17
- Acts 1:12-15
- Acts 2:14
- Acts 3:1-16
- Acts 3:37-41
- Acts 4:1-20
- Acts 5:1-3
- Acts 5:14-16
- Acts 5:29-30
- Acts 8:18-24
- Acts 9:32-43
- Acts 10
- Acts 11: 1-18
- Acts 15:7-12
- 1 Corinthians 15:3-5
- Galatians 2:7-8
- 1 Peter 1:1-2

Related Enrichment Resources:

- http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=5358
- <http://www.ccel.org/s/schaff/encyc/encyc08/htm/ii.xiv.ii.htm>