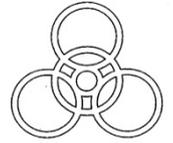


St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church Junior Church Activity Sheet

25th April 2021 Easter 4



Here is something to pass the time at home as we can't meet in church at the moment – a story and some activities.

Jesus tells Peter what he needs him to do

On these Sundays after Easter we are hearing some of the stories about how Jesus appeared to those who loved him after the crucifixion, when he had risen from the dead. If you were with us in the garden two Sundays ago you will have heard some of these stories. This is part of the story about the breakfast picnic on the beach.

After Jesus had died and risen again several of his disciples left Jerusalem and went back to Galilee where they had been fishermen. They weren't really sure what they ought to be doing and Peter, who was the person who had become the leader of the group said 'I'm going fishing.' So they all went out with him in the boat, but they fished all night and caught nothing.

Then, as the dawn began to lighten the sky, they saw someone on the shore calling to them. 'Friends,' he called, 'have you caught anything?' 'No,' they shouted back. 'Not even a minnow!' 'Throw the net on the other side,' shouted the stranger. So they did and suddenly it was full of fish, so many that they couldn't pull it on board. John suddenly realised who was on the shore. 'It's the Lord!' he said, and Peter jumped into the water and made for the shore. He couldn't wait to see Jesus!

The others brought the boat and the heavy net up on the shore and they found that John was right. There was Jesus and he had laid a fire and was all ready to cook them breakfast. 'bring us some of the fish you caught,' he said. So they all sat down and had breakfast, bread and fish, together.

After breakfast, Jesus and Peter went for a quiet walk together. Peter was still feeling very sad that on the night Jesus was arrested, he had pretended that he didn't know who he was and he wasn't one of his followers. He felt that he had let Jesus down.

Jesus asked Peter if he loved him. 'You know I do' said Peter. 'Then I have a special task for you for the future,' said Jesus., 'Feed my sheep. Feed my lambs.' He said this three times. And Peter understood that he was to look after all Jesus' followers when Jesus left them and went back to Heaven. When Jesus was alive he had described himself as the Good Shepherd, now this was to be Peter's task. And he promised Jesus that he would do this.

Things to do

Peter was given a second chance by Jesus. He held to his promise and became the leader of the disciples and is often thought of as the first Bishop of the Church. Bishops to this day carry a crozier, a ceremonial staff, which is

shaped like a shepherd's crook. The shape of the crook is so a shepherd can put it round a sheep's neck to pull it to safety.

Sometimes these are made of precious metals and decorated with jewels; sometimes they are simple pieces of wood. Here is Bishop Pete with his crozier.



And Bishop Steven, our previous bishop, showing two of the fancier croziers at the Cathedral:



You can make yourself a crook and decide how to decorate it.

Get a large sheet of newspaper and open it out. Start at one corner and roll it up diagonally and as tight as you can. When you have made a stick, stick the loose end with sellotape or glue. Then bend the top round to make the crook shape. You can use a little water to damp it to help it bend, with a little glue if you like. Leave it to dry and then decide whether you are going to decorate it, with colours and jewels, or paint it brown.

Also

If you have some bendy straws, you can make a sheep rescuing game. Bend a straw each so that it is sort of crook shaped. Print out the sheep on the last page on a bit of card, or print them on paper and stick them on card. You might print it twice so you have eight sheep.

Fold them along the dotted lines. You can make them fluffy with stuck on cotton wool if you like. Stand them up on the table and see who can pick up the most, using the straws.

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