

Day 1 – Peter

This overview plan accompanies the collective worship video that can be found here: <https://youtu.be/p27MtndNs4U>

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Gather 	 Engage	Respond 	Send 
<p>Welcome to Worship Light the candle “The Lord be with you”</p>	<p>This week in worship we are going to meet 4 different people who met Jesus. Each of their stories are told in the New Testament in one of the 4 Gospels. Today we are going to meet Peter, whose story is told in the book of Matthew.</p> <p><i>Matthew 4: 18-20</i> <i>As Jesus was walking by Lake Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (called Peter) and his brother Andrew. They were throwing a net into the lake because they were fishermen. Jesus said, “Come and follow me, and I will make you fish for people. So Simon and Andrew immediately left their nets and followed him.</i></p> <p>Simon, who was known as Peter, was just an ordinary fishermen, but Jesus saw something in him and asked him to come and follow him. Peter followed him straight away - I wonder what it was about Jesus that made people agree to follow him straight away? I wonder what sort of person Simon was when he first met Jesus? I wonder how being with Jesus might have changed him?</p> <p>Later on in the book of Matthew, Jesus gives Peter a nickname - ‘The Rock’ - the rock on which I will build my church. I wonder why Jesus chose that name for him? Have a look at this rock and think - how would Peter be like a rock?</p>	<p>Jesus knew all about Peter, his strengths and weaknesses - but knew there was something special about him. Peter did make mistakes, but he learnt from them. He also walked with Jesus and learnt from his example. Jesus was preparing Peter to lead Jesus’ followers, who would go on to begin the first groups of Christian churches.</p> <p>Christians know that God has a plan for them that will enable them to be the best person they can be. Just like Jesus knew that Peter would be a rock.</p> <p>Dear God, When I am feeling sad or disappointed in myself, help me to remember that you know everything about me and have a plan for my life. Thank you for Peter and for how you encouraged him to be the rock on which the church was built. Amen</p> <p>Join together to pray for each other Amen.</p>	<p>Remember that Peter was just an ordinary fishermen, but God used him to do bless, guide and support others to be the best they good be. I wonder how you could encourage people like Jesus and Peter did?</p> <p>Go in love, go in peace and in joy to encourage and support others to be the best person they can be.</p> <p>Amen Blow out the candle</p>

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More thinking about what we learn from Simon Peter

A prayer/reflection activity

[Jesus Calls the Disciples: Spinning Fish Prayers](#)

This prayer activity links really well with the story of Jesus calling the disciples but could be used to pray for anyone or any situation!

You will need: strips of paper (experiment with length but the ones shown are roughly 10cm x 2cm) Scissors, pens

Choose a strip of paper and write on it the name of the person or situation you would like to pray for. Cut slits near to the ends of the strip as shown below.

Fit the slits together to make a fish shape. Now comes the fun part!



Hold the fish high in the air and let it go. As it gains momentum you will see it start to spin!

Day 2 – Martha

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<p>Welcome to Worship Light the candle</p> <p>“The Lord be with you”</p>	<p>Today we are going to meet Martha. Her story is told in the book of Luke. She was a friend of Jesus and was the sister of Mary (not the mother of Jesus) and Lazarus.</p> <p>I wonder if you have ever heard “I’m too busy!” “Go away I haven’t got time” How did this make you feel? Have said these words to someone else, I wonder how it made them feel?</p> <p>Martha like to keep very busy. She wanted to make sure her house was neat and tidy and all the food was prepared ready for when Jesus, their friend, would visit. Here is the story of when Jesus came to visit the house of Martha and her family.</p> <p>Luke 10- 38-42 - Jesus Visits Martha and Mary ³⁸ As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him in her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat down at the feet of the Lord and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰ Martha was upset over all the work she had to do, so she came and said, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to come and help me!” ⁴¹ The Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha! You are worried and troubled over so many things, ⁴² but just one is needed. Mary has chosen the right thing, and it will not be taken away from her.” How do you think Jesus felt when Martha was too busy to come and sit and spend time with him?</p>	<p>I wonder who you are like, Mary or Martha? Do you slow down and give your attention to those who might need it, or do you fill your life with business that you forget to stop and be still?</p> <p>Take a moment now to be still and quiet.</p> <p>Mary and Martha welcomed Jesus into their home, they made sure he had food to eat and a comfortable place to rest. I wonder what welcome we give to others; into our schools, homes, towns and countries? How could we improve on this welcome?</p> <p>A prayer of Teresa of Calcutta Jesus, shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come into contact with may feel your presence in my soul. Amen</p> <p>Join together to pray for each other Amen.</p>	<p>I wonder what things you have thought about in today’s worship? Do you make time to slow down to spend time with those we love? Do I make sure I provide a warm welcome to everyone I meet?</p> <p>Go in love, go in peace and in joy as you journey through this week.</p> <p>Amen Blow out the candle</p>



	<p>Martha got upset because she wanted her sister Mary to help her with all the jobs. Jesus replied with an unusual answer, he wanted Martha to slow down and sit with her sister Mary at his feet. He wanted her to not worry, but focus on one thing - spending time with him.</p>		
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More thinking about what we learn from Martha

A prayer/reflection activity

Make a paper lantern and use a light (not a candle) inside it to show how the light shines through.

<https://www.thecrafttrain.com/mini-paper-lanterns-with-printable-template/> gives some simple instructions.

How could light shine through you so that others could see it? What could you do so that others feel that their day is brighter because of you? You could add a label to the lantern to show how you are going to do this.



Day 3 – Nathanael and Philip

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<p>Welcome to Worship Light the candle “The Lord be with you”</p>	<p>What make a good friend? If you had to write a list what would be on it? What makes a good friendship? Have to have things in common, give and take, trust, respect for each other, laughter - what else would you include?</p> <p>Today’s Bible story is from the gospel of Luke and introduces us to Philip and Nathanael. Jesus found Philip and called him to follow him. Philip, who was best friends with Nathanael, told him all about Jesus. The episode we are going to read describes Nathanaels initial reaction to Jesus.</p> <p>John 1: 43-50 - Jesus meets Philip and Nathanael ⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴ Philip was from the town of Bethsaida, where Andrew and Peter lived. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the man that Moses wrote about in the law, and the prophets also wrote about him. He is Jesus, the son of Joseph, from Nazareth.” ⁴⁶ But Nathanael said to Philip, “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” Philip answered, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷ As Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said, “Here is truly an Israelite. There is nothing false in him.” ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you when you were under the fig tree, before Philip told you about me.”</p>	<p>I expect like me you are missing being with your friends? Maybe you have got some photos in your house of them to help you think about them.</p> <p>In our prayer time today we are going to think about and pray for our friends. I invite you to join me in saying this prayer - as you say it or listen hold the image of your friends in your head or hold it physically if you can.</p> <p>Dear God, Thank you for the precious gift of friendship. Sorry for the times when I haven’t been a good friend. Today I think about all my friends, who I miss very much. I thank you for each of them, for the laughs, games, conversations and fun with have together. Please continue to bless my friends and their families as we get used to life in lockdown again. Help us to stay connected until we can meet up again. Amen</p> <p>Join together to pray for each other Amen.</p>	<p>So, I wonder how you could connect with your friends this week, could you ring them, send them a card or a message? Friendship is so important and a real gift - how can you be a good friend this week?</p> <p>Go in love, go in peace and in joy as you journey through this week.</p> <p>Amen Blow out the candle</p>



49 Then Nathanael said to Jesus, "Teacher, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel."
 50 Jesus said to Nathanael, "Do you believe simply because I told you I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than that."

Nathanael was quite negative about Jesus initially. He hadn't got to know him and made a very quick judgement.
 I wonder if you have ever done this? I know I have.
 However, when Jesus spoke to Nathanael he spoke a truth about him as an encouragement.
 I wonder what encouragements you offer to others when you meet or speak to them?

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More thinking about what we learn from Philip and Nathanael

Spend time saying thank you for all the different things that help you get along well with others in your home and class and school.

A prayer/reflection activity

Find a bare branch and put in a pot. Take a moment to think of three things you can be thankful for that have happened recently especially times when you have worked with and alongside others. It might be doing well with some school work, having a time of joy and laughter with your family, making something amazing, getting out for a walk where you saw and experienced the wonders of Creation or so many other things. Write three things you are thankful for onto a leaf shape and fill your bare branch with signs of life in new leaves.

