

Year C - Saints Peter and Paul

Matthew 16:13-19

Lots of letters!



Back in the times of St Peter and St Paul, people didn't have phones or internet to communicate! Most of the time, they wrote letters. Some of the letters that St Paul and St Peter wrote are now books in the bible.

Two of St Peter's letters are in the bible and St Paul has a whopping thirteen (maybe fourteen) letters in the New Testament! In these letters, these two men encourage, challenge and teach the early Church all about Jesus and living as disciples together.

In this activity, children are invited to write their own letters to share with others about the things they know about Jesus and living as a disciple.

You will need:

- Assorted blank paper
- Envelopes
- Pens and pencils
- Optional - a mail box

Instructions:

- Remind the children that the bible is filled with lots of different types of texts - narrative, poetry, prophecy, wisdom literature, law, gospel, and letters.
- Talk to the children about St Peter and St Paul and the letters they wrote (one of St Paul's letter is the second reading today - 2 Timothy 4:17-18).
- In these letters they wrote to new Christian communities to teach them about Jesus, to remind them about how to live as a follower of Jesus and how to live together in community with one another.
- Ask the children what they know about Jesus. Discuss their answers.
- Then invite the children to write letters to each other telling them about these things. Seal them and address them to one another. (Depending on your group, you may allocate who the children write to).
- There is a selection of sentence starters on the following page.



Dear _____,

I would like to tell you something amazing about Jesus. One day...

Dear _____,

Did you know that Jesus...

Dear _____,

When I was younger, my _____ told me that Jesus...

Dear _____,

I love God because...

Dear _____,

Did you know that God loves you, he thinks that you are...