

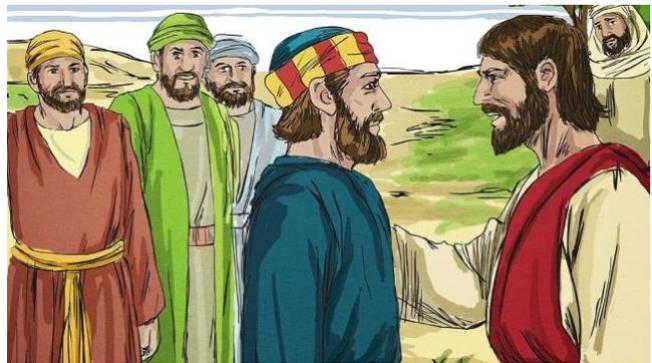
# Church at Home for Abridge

23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020

Activities for the whole family

Matthew 16: 13-20

Jesus said, 'Who do you say I am'?



1. Find today's story In your Bible at home or else read it [here](#)
2. [Here is an animated Lego™ version](#) of the story & here is [a reflective story version](#) with simple visuals
3. [Here is a simple song](#) based on one verse from today's story:
4. **Some big questions** to talk about together:

- People weren't sure about who Jesus was, even when he was alive. Why do you think there were so many ideas as to his identity?
- If you asked people today who they thought Jesus was, I wonder what answers they would give?
- And if you were asked the question 'Who do you think Jesus is', what would be your answer? What makes you believe that?
- Have you got a nickname? If so, what does it say about you? I wonder what special name Jesus might give to friends you know - a name that brings out the best about them, like Peter's name 'the rock'?
- I wonder what you think these mysterious keys to the kingdom of heaven are? What do they unlock? How do you get them? How do you use them?



This is a modern photo of the area near where today's story happened. There are plenty of rocks here that might have inspired Peter's nickname.

In fact his real name was Simon. 'Peter' was the nickname, which is like the Greek for rock.

## 5. Activity ideas

1. **You will need:** a large sheet of paper, sharp pencils, rulers (long and short), compasses, stencils / templates / letraset  
Design your perfect church.  
**Talk about:** is it a design for a building or a group of people? What is church? What would Peter make of your church today? What would Jesus be really thrilled with about your church? If you could change ONE thing about church, what would it be? (And what's stopping you....?!)
2. **You will need:** stones/rocks, pens, paper  
Jesus declared the truth over Peter that he was a rock: it was a truth that Peter needed to grow into. It was prophetic. Spend some time holding a stone and thinking about Jesus' supernatural knowledge of his friend Peter. Ask God for insight about the people you love and write 'You are [name] and .....', filling in the blank with a particular word, image or phrase to encourage them.  
**Talk about:** how God speaks to you

6. Here is a picture of today's story to illustrate. Which verse from the story would you choose to go with this picture?

