



St Peter

In John's Gospel we read about how Jesus and Simon first met. When Jesus saw Simon he said that he was to have a new name. He was to be called Peter the rock. Now Simon Peter was not like a strong rock at first. He kept changing his mind and he was afraid to follow Jesus when things got tough. But Jesus saw what Simon could become if he followed him and was filled by the Holy Spirit.

Think of a little plant in a small pot. It doesn't look very big or strong. But believe it or not, little shoots like that may one day become a huge fir tree over a hundred feet tall! Think of a little acorn. It's very small but one day it might become a big oak tree. The exciting thing about little plants and acorns is what they can become one day.

Jesus knew that Simon would one day become a Peter, strong and solid as a rock. You might think that you are very young and small. But God knows that one day you will probably be a strong follower of Jesus doing wonderful things for his Kingdom. So remember, if we truly follow Jesus he will make us into the "strong as a rock" people of God. He sees us for what we are but also what we can become.

What to do:

Watch the video [St Peter Video](#)

Can you find a rock in your garden? Perhaps you could paint or draw Peter's name and the word 'faith' on the rock and decorate it.

Put the rock somewhere you can look at it each day and think about how you can build your faith stronger each day through prayer and reading the Bible.

If you can't find a rock to decorate, perhaps you could draw a picture of St Peter and a rock and decorate it to show your understanding.

Please share photographs of your rock so that we can add them to the school website.

