

YEARS A, B, C

FEAST OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL (June 29th)

DO YOU LOVE ME

VISUAL AIDS

- > Pictures of St Peter and St Paul.
- > Pictures of the present Pope, and of your present bishop (if possible, with their croziers).
- > Have the extract from Paul's letter in an envelope.
- > An envelope and paper for each child.

Take the following extract out of its envelope.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Church at Galatia.

You must have heard how at first I was one of those who persecuted the Church. I tried to prove I was better than anyone else by the way I tried to destroy the Christians. But God called me to be his servant, and chose to reveal his Son to me, so that

I might preach the Good News to pagans. So I set off at once travelling throughout the world, preaching the Good News.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand, and say/sing together:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Happy are those
who are chosen to serve God.
Alleluia!**

DISCUSSION

What does Paul tell us in the first part of his letter?

How is the second part different?

What was it that changed Paul?

What did Jesus ask Peter?

What did Peter reply?

What did Jesus ask Peter to do?

We call Jesus our Good Shepherd. Jesus asked both Peter and Paul to do his work.

Our Pope and our bishops are asked by Jesus to carry on his work today. They are shepherds. Point out the croziers, shepherd's crooks.

Do we love Jesus enough to give part of our lives to do his work?

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SHARING

Today we celebrate the feast of two very great friends of Jesus; Peter and Paul.

Both of them believed in Jesus so much they gave their lives to him and for him.

Encourage the children to share what they know about Peter and Paul.

Peter was Jesus' first apostle. Jesus

named him 'Rock'.

Paul didn't come to know Jesus until after the resurrection. Jesus appeared to Paul and called him to follow him. Paul travelled hundreds of miles, through many dangerous journeys to spread the Good News of Jesus.

Today we have two readings, one by Paul about himself, and one about Peter.

A reading from the Good News given to us by John.

Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus said to Simon Peter,
'Simon Peter, do you love me?'
'Yes, Lord', Peter answered, 'you know I love you.' Jesus said,
'Feed my lambs.' Jesus asked again,
'Simon, do you love me?'
'Yes, Lord', Peter replied, 'you know I do.'

'Look after my sheep' said Jesus.
Then he asked a third time,
'Simon, do you love me?' Peter was upset and so he said,
'Lord, you know everything. You know I love you.'
Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

ACTIVITIES

> Give out the blank paper (and envelopes), and have the children write letters to Jesus saying how they will work for him.

> Pray together for:
the Pope, your own and all bishops;
for the Church all over the world;

especially in those parts of the world where the Church is persecuted and it is hard to work for Jesus.