

What makes a good leader?

Hard-working	tough	always thinks of others	looks after themselves
organised	trendy	reliable	lazy
Big-headed	Good listener	Visionary (knows what they want to do and how to get there)	Good communicator
Makes everyone feel they matter	fair	brainy	Strong beliefs
wise	inspirational	brave	

Ask the pupils to imagine they are the disciple Peter.

In groups give them one of the following stories:

- Simon (Who became Peter) meets Jesus: Luke 5: 1 - 11
- Peter sees Jesus with the children: Luke 18: 15 - 16
- Peter sees Jesus heal: Luke 8: 40 - 42, 49 - 56
- Peter realises who Jesus is: Luke 9: 18 - 21

Peter left everything to follow Jesus. Pupils could use the cards to think about the qualities Peter found in Jesus, adding any of their own ideas. Pupils can then complete the sentence: I think Peter followed Jesus because

These could be printed on card from the www.bible.gospel.net Bible Gateway website.

Copies of the passages are given on the next pages - These are taken from the New International reader's version. The Bible Gateway website allows you to choose other versions if you prefer.

Luke 5: 1-11

Jesus Chooses the First Disciples

1 One day Jesus was standing by the Sea of Galilee. The people crowded around him and listened to the word of God. 2 Jesus saw two boats at the edge of the water. They had been left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. 3 He got into the boat that belonged to Simon. Jesus asked him to go out a little way from shore. Then he sat down in the boat and taught the people.

4 When he finished speaking, he turned to Simon. He said, "Go out into deep water. Let the nets down so you can catch some fish."

5 Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

6 When they had done so, they caught a large number of fish. There were so many that their nets began to break. 7 So they motioned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees. "Go away from me, Lord!" he said. "I am a sinful man!"

9 He and everyone with him were amazed at the number of fish they had caught. 10 So were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who worked with Simon.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid. From now on you will catch people."

11 So they pulled their boats up on shore. Then they left everything and followed him.

Luke 18: 15-16

Little Children Are Brought to Jesus

15 People were also bringing babies to Jesus. They wanted him to touch them. When the disciples saw this, they told the people to stop.

16 But Jesus asked the children to come to him. "Let the little children come to me," he said. "Don't keep them away. God's kingdom belongs to people like them."

Luke 8: 40-42

A Dying Girl and a Suffering Woman

40 When Jesus returned, a crowd welcomed him. They were all expecting him.

41 Then a man named Jairus came. He was a synagogue ruler. He fell at Jesus' feet. He begged Jesus to come to his house. 42 His only daughter was dying. She was about 12 years old.

As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him.

Jairus' daughter

Luke 8: 49-56

49 While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus. Jairus was the synagogue ruler. "Your daughter is dead," the messenger said. "Don't bother the teacher anymore."

50 Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid. Just believe. She will be healed."

51 When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let everyone go in with him. He took only Peter, John and James, and the child's father and mother.

52 During this time, all the people were crying and sobbing loudly over the child. "Stop crying!" Jesus said. "She is not dead. She is sleeping."

53 They laughed at him. They knew she was dead.

54 But he took her by the hand and said, "My child, get up!"

55 Her spirit returned, and right away she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. 56 Her parents were amazed. But Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.

Peter Says That Jesus Is the Christ

Luke 9:18-21

18 One day Jesus was praying alone. Only his disciples were with him. He asked them, "Who do the crowds say I am?"

19 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist. Others say Elijah. Still others say that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life."

20 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "The Christ of God."

21 Jesus strongly warned them not to tell this to anyone.