



Week 14 Secret word: **fisherman**

Matthew 16:18a (NIV)

“And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church”

Peter is the name of one of Jesus' very first disciples. He is known as The Big Fisherman. He is called Peter the Rock. His whole name is Simon Peter.

In some of our Bible stories, Peter makes mistakes. But Jesus counts on him. As he spends time with Jesus, Peter's faith keeps growing stronger.

Sometimes Jesus has to remind Peter to have even more faith.

Once when the disciples were out on a boat, Jesus came to them walking on the water. Peter wanted to be with Jesus, so he stepped out onto the water too. He was able to take a step or two, but then he started to sink and Jesus had to help him. Jesus told Peter that he could walk alone if he stopped having doubts.

Another time, Jesus asks Peter, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Blessed are you... And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church.”

Jesus expected Peter to help Christians and the Church to stay strong even after Jesus had gone. Like a rock. The name Peter even means “rock”.

Peter's faith does stay strong even after Jesus is gone. Peter travels around to spread the message of Jesus. He is able to heal in the name of Jesus. When Peter and John are at the temple, a lame man asks them for money. But instead, Peter says, “In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.” The lame man stood and walked, then started leaping and dancing and praising God. Everyone was amazed. This was Peter doing his!

Peter shows us that his faith kept growing. We want to keep our own faith growing too.

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