

Peter the Rock

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Reading: Matthew 16: 13-20

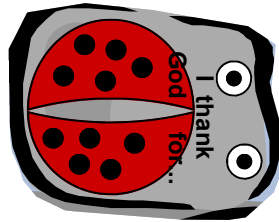
Pet Rocks or Stone Paperweights

You will need:

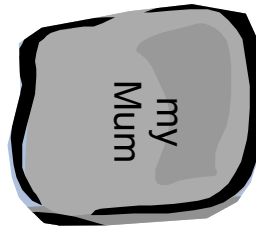
- smooth rocks about the size of a small child's fist
- spray paint – any colour
- craft eyes
- glitter, acrylic paint etc. to decorate
- thick permanent felt pens
- PVA glue
- paint brushes, pop-sticks etc. for glue, paint

Preparation:

Spray a number of rocks a variety of colours, or all one colour (e.g. silver), and allow to dry before the session.



Upper surface



Underneath

What to do:

- Talk with the children about the people who are the 'rocks' in their lives – people who they can depend on.
- Children can write the name of one of their dependable people on the underneath surface of their rock with permanent felt pen.
- On the upper surface they can write: I thank God for...
- Then they can decorate their rocks with glitter, paint etc.
- When dry, they can use their rocks to remind them of the way God looks after them through the dependable people in their lives.

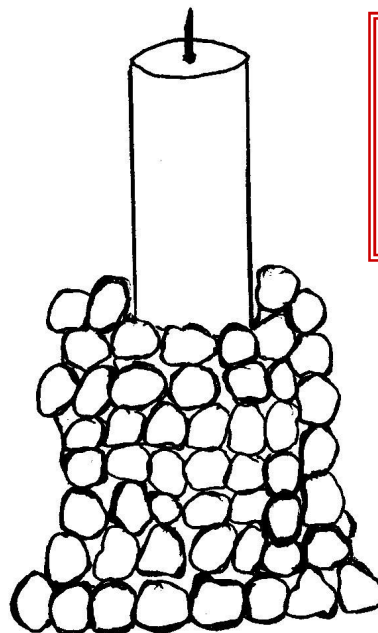
Rock Candle Holder

You will need:

- plasticine
- small stones e.g. the ones used in an aquarium
- candle for each child

What to do:

- Mould out of plasticine a base in which the candle is to sit. Make the walls reasonably high and thick, as in a stone wall. (as in illustration)
- Press stones all over the outside surface and top of the holder, but not inside or underneath.
- Stand candle inside the holder.



The candle holder is God's church, the candle represents the people.

This symbolises the support we all need to be God's light in the world.