

Year 4 Summer 1 – The Early Christians

Key facts

- Jesus made Peter Head of the Church.
- The Church began at Pentecost.
- Stephen was a deacon appointed by the Apostles to help the poor and the elderly. He was a close follower of Jesus and was stoned to death because of false accusations made against him by members of the Synagogues.
- Saul persecuted Christians until he met Jesus. After his conversion Saul became Paul.
- Paul faced huge challenges on his journeys, planted many churches and wrote letters of encouragement to them.

Key vocabulary

Apostles - The twelve closest followers of Jesus whose mission was to begin the Church. Apostle means "someone who is sent".

Ascension - When Jesus went back up to heaven 40 days after Easter.

Consecrate - To make or declare something sacred.

Deliverance - The action of being rescued or set free.

Disciples - The people who follow and listen to Jesus.

Liturgy - A Christian ceremony remembering the Last Supper by consecrating bread and wine.

Miraculous - Something we would not expect to occur naturally.

Pentecost - The day when the Holy Spirit came down on the apostles

Persecuted - To be subjected to bad treatment.

Key Reflections

How does the power of the Holy Spirit help us in our own lives?

How does God bring good out of evil?

Reflect on the faith and courage of persecuted Christians. Where does their strength come from?

What can we do to share Good News with other people?

How can the teaching of Jesus shape our lives at home and at school?

How can we show others that we are trying to live our lives the way Jesus taught us?

