

9 Life of the First Christians and Peter in Prison

Contents:

Reciprocal love; bring Jesus to the world; persecutions; Peter is freed by an angel.

Considering the wealth of content, this stage could be taken up in more than one meeting; In particular, concerning reciprocal love, you can go in depth on the communion of goods among the first Christians.

Going in depth for the Assistants:

Commentary of Chiara Lubich on the Word of Life “If, in doing good, you support with patience every suffering, you will find grace in front of God”

Vai a <http://www.centrochiaralubich.org/it/documenti/scritti/4-scritto-it/1220-se-facendo-il-bene-sopporterete-con-pazienza-la-sofferenza.html>

Ideas to welcome the Gen 4 boys and girls:

- Construct with various materials and objects something like a prison cell (it will be useful, at a certain point, in order to play a mime about the adventure of Peter in prison). You can use old bedsheets, iron wire, chairs, etc.
- Play a game “Like the First Christians” (**go to menu <Games>: related to the topic**)

Episode Indigo and Experiences:

Tell the story of the first Christians and Peter (**go to menu <Stories of God>: 1st year, Life of the first Christians and Peter in prison, video or ppt**) and make a dialogue.

Proposed motto to live by:

If one loves, he gives, if the other loves, he gives. If all of us love, each thing is put to common. The Gen 4 live like this. (Chiara 1985). Let's put our superfluous in common!

Song: Like the first Christians

Proposals of Creative Activities:

- Let's present a play about the episode of Peter in prison, using the prison cell which we built at the beginning of the meeting.
- After collecting altogether our toys for poor children, we will send these to them or try to sell them at a flea market and send the funds to a Center or Institute which we can choose together.
- Let's produce with our own hands some items to sell, so that we can donate to the poor whatever money we can earn! For example, we can bring ahead the activity “Spark of love” (necklaces, cards, flower collage, sweets, etc..) (**go to menu <Creativity>: Artwork DIY do-it-yourself**).
- We can also find small jobs like cleaning a garden, offer some drinks during a community meeting or in the parish, help mama in the household chores ...

Games:

- Let's escape from prison! (**go to menu <Games>: outdoor games**)
- Don't allow them to imprison us! (**go to menu <Games>: outdoor games**)

Face to face with God the Father:

Each one can pray for one or more poor people (also for “the needy rich” who do not know the love of Jesus); and together, let's say the Our Father; then, let's stop for a moment after saying “Give us today our daily bread”.

So as to continue at home...

- Read experiences on how we can live also today just like the first Christians (**go to menu <In action>**)