

## FOLLOWERS – LESSON PLAN

Age	Term	Mod.	Module Theme	Module Title	Lesson Number and Title
9	2	4	CELEBRATIONS	AFTER PASCHA	34: St Peter and St Paul

Use the syllabus framework to complete above. Infants: 20 minutes; Juniors: 30 minutes; Middles & Seniors: 45 minutes  
(Mod. = Module Number, Module Theme - in the heading, Module Title - uppercase in the cell, Lesson Num [NO. column] and Title)

							
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Tick the appropriate box(es) above [ copy this:  ] for the modes of learning being used in this session.

**Prayer:** Today Christ the Rock glorifies with highest honour the rock of faith and leader of the Apostles, Together with Paul and the company of the twelve, Whose memory we celebrate with eagerness of faith, Giving glory to the one who gave glory to them! (Kontakion). (Sing if possible)

**Starter:** Bring the icon of St Peter and St Paul and ask children to describe what they see. What does the two Apostles hold in the icon and why?

**Learning objectives:** To learn about the two Apostles St Peter and St Paul, the two pillars of the Church of Jesus Christ.

### Core Activities and Learning

**Introduction:** On the 29<sup>th</sup> of June, we celebrate the feast day of St Peter and St Paul.

**Briefly explain** to the children who were these two Saints:

The **Apostle St Peter** was the son of Jonah and the brother of Apostle Andrew. He was a fisherman from Galilee. He became one of the Christ's most faithful disciples "And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it." Matthew 16:18. On the day of Pentecost St Peter spoke of Christ to a large crowd and 3000 believed. Peter travelled to many places preaching Christ and did many miracles. Once he brought back to life a woman called Tabitha who had become very sick and had died. When St Peter went to Rome he was put in prison and later he died on the cross for Christ.

The **Apostle St Paul** was named Saul at his birth in the city of Tarsus. The holy Apostle was a son of the tribe of Benjamin. Saul became a Pharisee under Gamaliel, one of the chief Jewish Rabbis (Masters/Teachers) of the day. After his study under the great Rabbi, Saul became one of the chief persecutors of Christians. Present at the stoning of St Stephen (Acts 7: 58), Saul later found himself blinded by Jesus Himself on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-22). Sought out by the Apostle Ananias, Saul immediately repented and Ananias baptized him. Saul, soon after his conversion called Paul, was later named and numbered among the Apostles. The extent of St Paul's preaching as he spread the Gospel went far and wide from Arabia to Spain, to both Jews and Gentiles. He was called the "Apostle to the Gentiles." St Paul spent his new life in suffering and labour for Christ, establishing and organising churches everywhere. The account of St Paul's missionary journeys and the letters he wrote to the Churches he founded form an important part of the New Testament.

**Ask** children the following questions:

- Who were St Peter and St Paul?
- What was the name of St Paul before he was baptised?
- Who was the one that baptised St Paul?
- What do we call St Paul?
- Who spoke on the day of Pentecost and what happened?

**Activity:** Complete the Wordsearch on Activity Sheet 34.

**Resources:** The Bible, Matthew 16:18, Acts 7: 58, Acts 9:1-22.  
[https://orthodoxwiki.org/Apostle\\_Paul](https://orthodoxwiki.org/Apostle_Paul)

**Review:** St Peter and St Paul are the two Apostles who worked for the establishment and growth of the early Church.

**Follow Up:** The students to research the Transfiguration in readiness for the next lesson.