

Livingston Old Parish
Activities for Sunday 30th August

[Watch Matthew 16:21-28](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHsNsyxpxQc&pbjreload=101)

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Prayer Activity

Place a large stone in the middle of your floor. It represents both Peter as the Rock and Peter as a potential stumbling stone for Jesus.

Take time to reflect on Moses meeting God in the Burning Bush, how Peter recognised Jesus as Messiah, and then how Jesus looked upon Peter. Jesus saw in Peter both someone who would be a great rock on which a following could be built, but also someone with the potential to be a stumbling block for Jesus' ministry.

- *Do we recognise in ourselves that we, too, can be both rock and block through the choices we make?*

[Sing https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= L9h9UjlkMM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L9h9UjlkMM)

Stumbling Blocks to Positive Rocks

You will need: the flat stones and marker pens or posca pens or paint.

What things might you get a row for or 'told off' for doing by your parents, teachers or friends? Think about how you feel when you are 'told off' for doing something you should not have done. Think about how you could change those feelings into happier more positive ones and how you could stop yourself from ever having those 'negative' feelings again. Think about those things you get 'told off' for as being like the stumbling blocks on your path.

Now take a stone and draw a picture on one side of it showing one of the things you do which gives you those unhappy feelings when you are given a row such as for having a messy room, or not sharing, or forgetting your homework! Then turn the stone over and draw on the other side a picture of something you could do to stop having those feelings and make you feel more positive. You could then decorate around your positive picture.

Remember to post a picture of your stone on the churches fb page.

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