

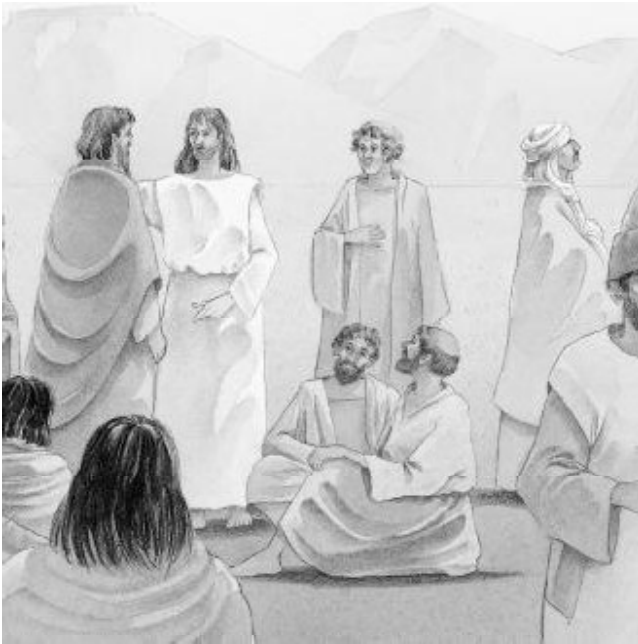
# Our Chief Apostle



*We revise the three previous lessons placing the emphasis on how Apostle Peter was prepared for his special task. Just as at the time of the Early Church, Jesus Christ has also given us a visible head in his Church today: the Chief Apostle.*

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The children recognize that they are safe in the care of the Chief Apostle.  
They perceive how great his task is and strengthen their ties with him.



- 1 We look at the pictures of the previous lessons with the children.**  
**The children speak freely of that which they can remember and what they liked most.**
- 2 We now look at each lesson and determine how the Son of God prepared Peter and the other apostles for their task, enabling them to continue with his redemption work in his stead and helping to complete it (example, teaching).**  
**The teacher explains how this affects our faith.**

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### he profession of Apostle Peter

- Apostle Peter remained loyal to the Lord Jesus because he had recognized him to be the Son of God. He knew that only Jesus Christ could enlighten him concerning life everlasting.
- Our Chief Apostle is closely connected with the heavenly Father and his Son. He sees to it that all God's children receive what they need for eternal life.
- We, too, want to remain steadfast in the apostles' teaching. We follow the Chief Apostle.

### As my Father sent me, so I send you

- The Lord Jesus sent out apostles, just as the Father had sent him. He gave them the Holy Spirit, and the power to forgive sins in his name.

- The Chief Apostle and the apostles are guided by the Holy Spirit. They have the power to forgive sins in Jesus' name.

- We received the Holy Spirit on the day of our Holy Sealing. We want to be guided by this Spirit for it leads us to God's glory.

### Apostle Peter is commissioned to feed the lambs and sheep of Christ

- Apostle Peter was commissioned by the Lord Jesus to feed the lambs and sheep of Christ—a very special commission. He endeavoured to lead and keep the faithful united as Jesus had done before him.
- The Chief Apostle is the visible head of the Church of Christ. He is our shepherd and the representative of Jesus on earth. He has the great task of leading his Church in the mind of Christ. His concern is to preserve the unity amongst the apostles and all God's children.
- We can look up to the Chief Apostle. We follow him in the assurance that he will care for us.

### 3 We now speak of our Chief Apostle.

**What is his name?**

**What does he look like? (picture)**

**Where does he live?**

**When did we last hear or see him?**

**What else would the children still like to know about the Chief Apostle?**

**What would they like to ask him?**

**We are very happy to have a Chief Apostle.**

**The children draw a picture of the Chief Apostle in their book.**

**They can also cut out pictures from the "Our Family" and paste them in.**

### 4 To supplement these lessons, something can be said about the activities of the Chief Apostle today.

# **The shepherd of our soul**