

## Like Living Stones (7/17/22)

**Main Verses:** 1 Peter 2:4-5

**Key Verse:** 1 Peter 2:5

**'Takeaway':** God wants us to be amazed that the church of Jesus is a supremely and spiritually special group called to a supremely and spiritually special work.

**Getting Started:** What is something that amazes you?



**READ** the main verses (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- What do you think it means to be “like living stones”?
- Verse four says, “As you come to him”--what do you think that means?
- What does it mean to be a holy priesthood?

Elementary:

- Verse four says, “As you come to him...” what does that mean?
- Who is the “living stone that was rejected” in verse four? Who chose and honored the living stone?
- How can we be a living stone? What does it mean to be built up as a spiritual house?
- What does it mean to be a holy priesthood?

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses :

Toddler/PreK:

- Jesus is called the living stone. He was rejected by men but chosen and honored by God.
- Through faith in Jesus we can become living stones, part of his church, which is God’s new spiritual temple.
- “As you come to him” means a daily personal relationship with him, starting when we surrender our lives to Jesus.
- Believers are not only part of God’s temple, but are also a part of his holy priesthood, offering sacrifices to him through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Elementary:

- Jesus is called the Living Stone, and also the Cornerstone (see verse 6); likewise he was the rejected stone (by men) and the stone that men stumble over (v 8).
- Through faith in Jesus, by believing in his death on the cross and resurrection three days later, we too can become living stones, part of his church, which is God’s new spiritual temple.
- “As you come to him” means surrendering our lives daily in our relationship with him. It is a relationship that deepens as we walk in obedience to him.
- Believers are also part of His holy priesthood, offering sacrifices to God through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- God alone initiates all of this, and by his great grace he gifts us with the faith to surrender to him and to grow in him.

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God, thanking him for his church. Ask God to bless and keep our church leaders. Talk to him about what it means to be a “living stone”, to be part of his church.

(Elementary) Talk to God, thanking him for his church and for our church leaders. Thank him that through faith in Jesus, we can be a “living stone”, a part of his church. Ask him how you can bless others in his church this week.