

St Andrew's Day

1. As the pupils enter

Have the **webpage open**. Play your chosen music and display the image of **St Andrew's Cathedral** if you wish.

2. Introduction

Ask the children if anyone knows what a patron saint is? [Gather responses and lead towards understanding a patron saint is a saint who has a special meaning for a particular place or group of people].

Tell the children that each saint has their own special day and that today is / soon it will be St Andrew's Day. St Andrew is particularly celebrated in Scotland - he is the patron saint of Scotland.

Ask the children if they know anything about St Andrew. [Gather responses and lead towards understanding that St Andrew is the first of the disciples of Jesus]. **There's a story that Andrew travelled across Europe spreading the word of Jesus and that he built a church in Scotland in a place that is now named after him - St Andrews. Every year the people of St Andrews celebrate their special connection with the saint. In this short video we're going to see how two children from St Andrews like to celebrate on St Andrew's Day.**

3. Play the video

The duration is 4' 22". Final words: 'It's great to celebrate! Bye!'

4 & 5. Time to talk

Tell the children: **Andrew was a fisherman and became the very first disciple of Jesus. There is a famous story about Andrew in the Bible. One day Andrew and his brother, Simon, were fishing - but each time they pulled in their nets they were empty. They couldn't catch a single fish. Then Jesus appeared on the shore about to address a big crowd of people. The brothers rowed Jesus out so that the crowd could see him. Afterwards Jesus told them to cast their nets again - and this time when they pulled the nets in they were full of fish!**

Andrew and Simon left everything to become followers of Jesus. After Jesus died Andrew travelled spreading the news his friend Jesus...even though it meant putting himself in great danger.

[Link to video page](#)



7. Opportunity to reflect

Today we have heard about St Andrew - someone who gave up everything to follow Jesus and someone who had the courage to spread the teaching of Jesus - even when it meant putting himself in danger...

And we've seen how the people like to celebrate the life of St Andrew in the town that is named after him...

Think about the different ways that Archie and George celebrated in the film...

If you could celebrate the life of someone who is very special to you who would it be..?

And *how* would you choose to celebrate them..?

8. Opportunity for prayer

'Dear God. Thank you for special days when we can celebrate the lives of special people.

Help each of us to see the special people around us - and find ways, both big and small, to celebrate those people as well. Amen.'