



TOPIC: ST PETER CLAVER

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- The students will know about the life of St Peter Claver and that he tended to the spiritual and material needs of slaves.
- The students will learn about Stella Maris and its missionary role among seafarers who often work in difficult conditions.
- The students will recognise that God loves them individually and personally.

SUCCESS CRITERIA

- I know who St Peter Claver is and how he helped the slaves in need.
- I know about Stella Maris and how through its chaplains it shares God's love with seafarers.
- I understand that God loves me.

LINKS TO R.E. CURRICULUM

The Church:

- Cost of discipleship.

Celebration:

- Ways in which love and commitment are important in human life.

Life in Christ:

- Ways love of neighbour can be shown at home, at church, locally and globally.

LEVELS OF ATTAINMENT AT1(i), AT1(iii), AT2(i), AT2(iii)

KEY WORDS St Peter Claver, God, love, slave, seafarer, chaplain, Stella Maris, feelings

RESOURCE MATERIALS

- Power Point
- Mouse needed for VIDEO ANIMATION (SLIDE 2)
- Script
- Suggested background classical music for REFLECTION (SLIDES 11-13):
 - a) 'Ave Maria' by Charles Gounod or J.S.Bach
 - b) 'Canon in D' by Pachelbel
- Suggested hymns (if times allows it) for after prayer:
 - a) 'God's Spirit is in my Heart' by A. Date & H. Richards.
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 - b) 'Oh, The Love of my Lord' by Estelle White

PREPARATION

Prepare and start Power Point Presentation
Prepare background classical music for REFLECTION
Prepare hymns for after reflection (if required)

OVERVIEW AND TIMINGS

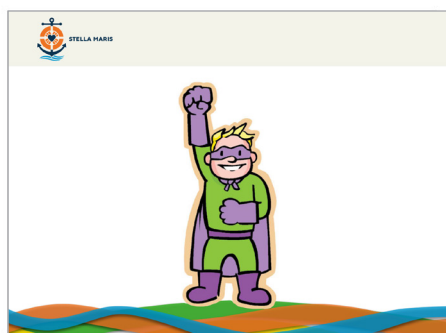


<i>Children come into the hall. Image of superhero on Power Point. Superhero music OCEANWARD HEROES playing (embedded) CLICK TO STOP when session starts.</i>	arrival 1 min
INTRODUCTION	3 mins
PETER CLAVER	5 mins
QUESTIONS	2 mins
STELLA MARIS	3 mins
REFLECTION	5 mins
EXIT	1 min
TOTAL ASSEMBLY TIME	20 mins

Introduction

Timing: 3 mins

Slide: 1



(SLIDE 1)

Does anyone have any favourite super heroes?
 Super heroes can do some amazing things.

What would superheroes do if you were falling from a tall building?
 (They would fly and catch you.)

What would superheroes do if a giant rock was about to fall on your head?
 (They would catch the giant rock.)

I don't know about you but I'm not generally falling from a tall building or having a giant rock land on my head. What would superheroes do if you were really hungry?
 (They would give you some food.)

What would they do if you were really thirsty?
 (They would give you something to drink.)

What would they do if you were sad and lonely?
 (They would stay with you and cheer you up.)

Superheroes do what is needed and sometimes the most amazing thing to do is a simple act of kindness because that is what is needed at the time.

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Peter Claver

Timing: 5 mins

Slides: 2-7

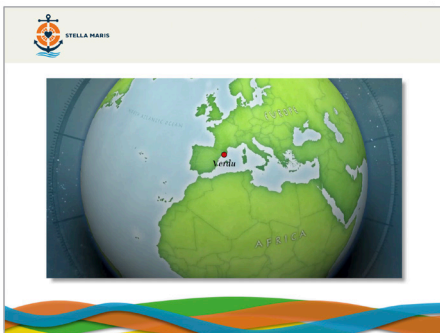
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Let me tell you about a great hero called Peter Claver.

Peter was born in Verdu, Spain in 1580, over 400 years ago. During his studies to be a priest he was sent to South America and was ordained a priest in the city of Cartagena (pronounced Car-ta-hen-a) in a country now called Colombia.

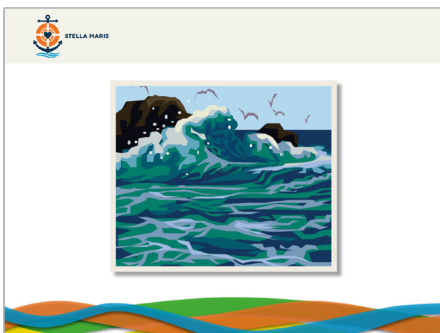
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Peter Claver felt deep in his heart that he was loved by God and he wanted to share this love with everyone and let them feel in their hearts the happiness God wanted to give them.



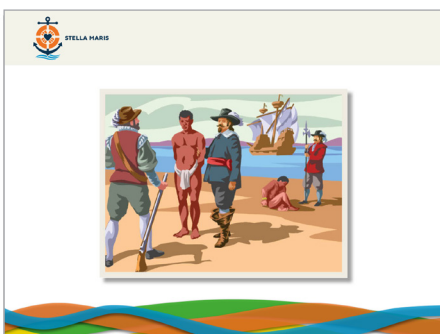
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The journey across the ocean to Cartagena wouldn't have been easy for Peter. It lasted many weeks and people were often very uncomfortable because of the wind, rain and storms. The food wasn't fresh and there wasn't much fresh water either. People had to wash in sea water and often wear the same clothes for the whole journey. The journey was hard but not as hard for Peter as it was for some.



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At this time it wasn't unusual for many people to be taken from their homes and made to work in other parts of the world even though they did not want to. When this happened the people were called slaves. Many people were forced to travel from Africa to Cartagena and other places by boat and their journeys were not good. They weren't treated well or looked after. They weren't given enough food and the journeys were very bad. Many of them died on the way. Peter knew what the journey was like but for the slaves it was a whole lot worse.



(SLIDE 5)

When they finally arrived in Cartagena the people were very sad, they were scared, they were lonely because they missed their families, they were angry because they hadn't been treated well, they were hungry because they hadn't been given enough food, they were thirsty because they hadn't been given enough to drink and many were sick. Cartagena



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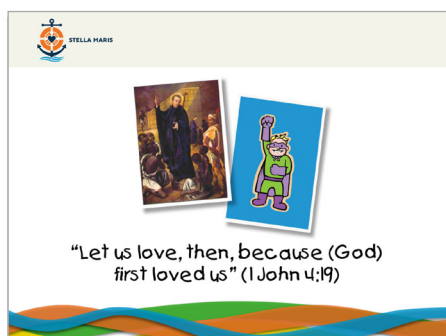
was the place to which many of these ships sailed.



(SLIDE 6) *CLICK PER WORD*

Peter Claver, who was very **kind** and **caring**, used to go to these ships and look after these people. He was very **generous** and gave them food and drink, he gave them clothes and medicine to help them get better. He was **friendly** to them and **helped** them. Not only this, most of them didn't know that God loved them and was with them all the time even when they felt sad or lonely. Peter Claver **taught them about Jesus** and helped many of them believe in God. He was very **loving**.

Sometimes it is hard to be loving and caring but we can see in St Peter Claver's story what a big difference it made to the slaves.



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He did not own very much so he often needed to beg people for food and drink to give to the slaves. Peter Claver knew that God loved him and so kept saying yes to what God asked him to do. He knew and shared God's love so much that he sets us a really good example about how to follow God which is why we now call him **Saint** Peter Claver.

CLICK (image super hero)

We think St Peter Claver is a great hero because he did what was needed at that time and that was to look after the slaves. When we know that God loves us and is with us it can help us even when we feel sad and lonely.

CLICK (Bible quote)

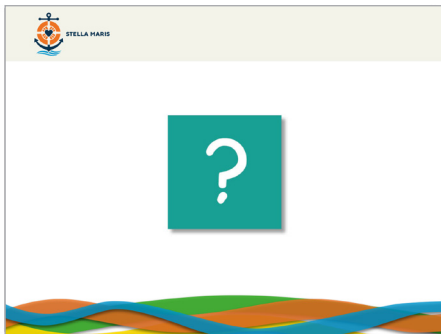
It says in the Bible, "Let us love, then, because (God) first loved us." St Peter Claver knew that he was loved by God and he wanted to share this love with the slaves and let them know that they too were loved by God.

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Questions

Timing: 2 mins

Slide: 8



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So that is the story of St Peter Claver. Now, can we remember how the slaves felt when they arrived in Cartagena?
Sad, scared, lonely, angry, hungry, thirsty, sick.

And what did St Peter Claver do to help those people?

He gave them food, drink, clothes and medicine.

He was friendly to them and helped them.

He taught them about God and how God loved them and was with them even when they were sad and lonely.

(These questions can be answered directly or discussed in pairs)

We think St Peter Claver was a great hero. But that was 400 years ago, what about now?

Stella Maris

Timing: 3 mins

Slides: 9-10



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Well there are some people who do similar things to what St Peter Claver did a long time ago. They are the chaplains of an organisation called Stella Maris. A chaplain is someone who cares for a group of people, supporting them in time of need and sharing God's love with them. They often work in schools, hospitals, prisons and other places where there are groups of Christians. The chaplains of Stella Maris help seafarers who are the people that work at sea such as fishermen or sailors.

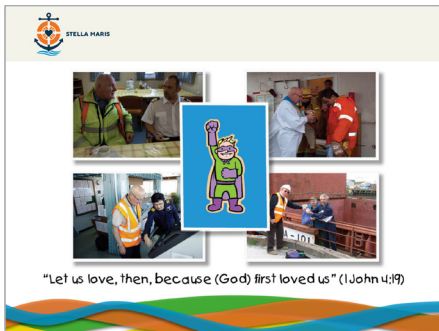
Many seafarers are away from home for a long time and work very hard in dangerous conditions. Many of them work on ships because they need to feed their families or pay for their children to go to school and while they are at sea they miss their families a lot. This makes them feel sad, lonely and even scared of not seeing their families again. Sometimes seafarers aren't looked after properly which makes them angry and feel like they have been forgotten. Sometimes they get sick which isn't nice when you are away from home.

In what can be a really hard job it's understandable that sometimes they need help.

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Stella Maris provides chaplains who help seafarers with whatever they need:

- Give them a lift to the nearest shop.
- Help them make phone calls home and send emails or letters home.
- Talk to them and understand that they miss home.
- Arrange to say Mass for the seafarers or hear their confessions.
- Remind them that God is with them, that God loves them even when they are sad or lonely.

Open questions:

- If you had to leave home for a long time, who or what do you think you would miss about home?
- Has anyone ever been to a different country? What was it like to arrive there? Can you imagine what it would be like if you didn't have any of your family or friends with you (especially if you don't speak the language)?
- If you were about to go on a long boat journey, what things would you want to take with you?

CLICK (image super hero)

We think the chaplains are great heroes because they do what is needed for seafarers. Sometimes it is hard to be loving and caring but we can see how the chaplains make a big difference in seafarers' lives. Alright, they might not have capes and be able to fly but they are heroes.

CLICK (Bible quote)

The chaplains know that they are loved by God and they want to share this love with seafarers and let them know that they too are loved by God. This is like their super power: the love that God gives to them to share with others.

Open question:

- Can anyone think of a time when someone has shown them love?
Suggestions: when someone has fed them, given them a hug, said something nice to them or given them something special. However, the chaplains need help to do this; although they have volunteers who help the Apostleship of the Sea they need people to raise money for them. You can be a superhero. When you go home or back to class, you can try to think of ways in which you could help them.

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Reflection

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Slides: 11 - 13

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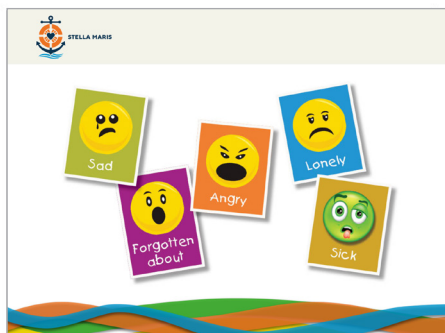
Can we remember how seafarers often feel?

Take feedback and then CLICK to reveal words (sad, lonely, angry, forgotten about, sick).

Hands up if anyone here has ever felt:

- Sad
- Lonely
- Angry
- Forgotten about
- Sick

We are going to take a moment to pray now and ask God to help us and remind us that He loves us even when we experience any of these feelings and that He wants to fill us with His love and happiness.



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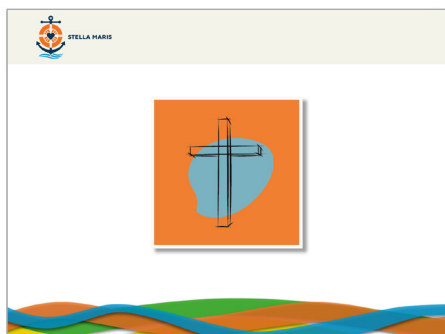
BACKGROUND CLASSICAL MUSIC. Bach Cello Suite 1 Embedded

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 Let us close our eyes.

Lord we have heard that St Peter Claver knew that you loved him and he wanted to share that love with the slaves. We have also heard that the chaplains of Stella Maris want to share God's love with seafarers and remind them that God is with them even when they are feeling sad and wants to fill them with His love and peace.

So now let us think of a time when we have felt sad (pause), or lonely (pause), or angry, (pause) or forgotten (pause) or sick (pause) and now let us think of the people who we can turn to in those moments:

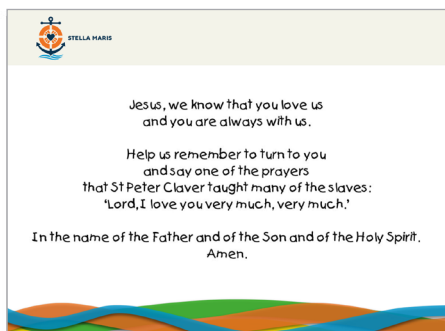
- Our friends?
 - Our family?
 - God? We thank you God that you are with us helping us during these times.
- Now let us open our eyes and say this prayer together.



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Jesus, we know that you love us and you are always with us.

Help us remember to turn to you and say one of the prayers that St Peter Claver taught many of the slaves: 'Lord, I love you very much, very much.'



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In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN

If there is time, a hymn may be sung after prayer.

CLOSING SUMMARY:

So, we've learned about St Peter Claver and how he helped the slaves. We have learned about Stella Maris and how its chaplains help seafarers.

We have learned that God loves me and wants to fill me with his love and peace.

Exit

Timing: 1 min

Slide: 14

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Children exit with superhero music playing (same as arrival) in the background (embedded).

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