

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

21 January 2024 - Year B

“Repent and believe the good news.”

Something to Think About

Jesus said to Simon and Andrew, “Come with me!”
Close your eyes and imagine Jesus saying these same words to you.
How would you respond to this invitation from Jesus?

The Story

In today's gospel story, Jesus tells the people to change their ways and turn back to God. Then Jesus walks near Lake Galilee where he sees Simon and Andrew casting their fishing nets into the lake. Jesus says to them, “Come with me!” Jesus wants them to help him spread the Good News and bring people to God. Simon and Andrew immediately follow Jesus. Later, Jesus sees James and John and calls them as well. James and John leave what they are doing, and go with Jesus.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

1:14-20

After John was arrested,
Jesus went to Galilee and told the good news that comes from God.
He said, “The time has come!
God's kingdom will soon be here.
Turn back to God and believe the good news!”

As Jesus was walking along the shore of Lake Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew.
They were fishermen and were casting their nets into the lake.
Jesus said to them, “Come with me!
I will teach you how to bring in people instead of fish.”
Right then the two brothers dropped their nets and went with him.

Jesus walked on and soon saw James and John, the sons of Zebedee.
They were in a boat, mending their nets. At once Jesus asked them to come with him.
They left their father in the boat with the hired workers and went with him.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Video

Click to watch the video: [Wild Stories about Jesus](#)



Group Discussion

Talk about what it means to 'drop everything' (to stop a current activity abruptly and do something else, to have a sudden change of plans).

Think about some situations that might cause someone to 'drop everything'.

Why are we sometimes willing to change our plans? What does the decision to 'drop everything' reveal about our priorities? Simon, Andrew, James and John immediately changed their plans and followed Jesus because they thought he was the most important thing.

What actions would show that following Jesus is the most important thing in your life?

Praying For Others

Leader: Let us pray now for the leaders of our Church, our world,
for those in our community and for our own needs.

Reader 1: We pray for all who lead our country and our world. Lord, hear us

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for those who protect the oceans and sea creatures. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray that we will answer Jesus when he calls us. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray that we will tell others about Jesus. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray that we will remember to talk to Jesus in prayer. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

Prayer



God our Father,
We thank you that Jesus knows each of
us and calls us by name.
Help us to be like the first disciples and
follow Jesus in our lives.
Amen.

Group Activity

*You will need: one printed fish template for each child,
paints, coloured markers or crayons, glitter glue.*

Invite each child to colour or paint their fish as they
remember the words of Jesus to the fishermen in the
gospel story, "Come with me!"

When the colouring is finished, spread glitter glue over
the fish and leave it to dry.







SIMON AND ANDREW, JAMES AND JOHN – TWO SETS OF BROTHERS. DECIDE WHO IS WHO IN THE PICTURE.

WHAT WORK DID THEY DO? _____

WHAT DID JESUS MEAN WHEN HE SAID THEY WOULD 'BRING IN PEOPLE, NOT FISH'?
