

The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Luke's telling of the call of the disciples focuses on Simon Peter. Jesus tells Peter to cast his net for a catch even though Peter has fished all night without catching a single fish. He does what Jesus suggests and has a tremendous catch. The great catch of fish reminds Peter of his own human weakness and sinfulness. It also is the opportunity for Jesus to call Peter to a new vocation—catching people!

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Your child learned about the call of Peter the fisherman and learned that the followers of Jesus help tell God's Good News. Your child learned about some followers of Jesus from the Americas. Ask your child to tell the family about Saint Oscar Romero, Saint Martin de Porres, and Saint Kateri Tekakwitha. Talk together about little things you can do to be a good follower of Jesus.

Promise (Grades K-1): Your child learned in class that Jesus called men and women to follow him. His disciples helped him spread his message of love to others. Talk about ways your family can spread Jesus' message of love. Be sure to hang the mobile your child made in a prominent place where all can see it.

Good News (Grades 2-3): Your child learned the different definitions of the verb "to follow." Ask your child to share the ways that they can follow others. Talk about the call Peter received to follow Jesus. Ask your child to share the story "A Valentine for Mr. Pinch" with the family. Ask your child to share his or her Letter to God that they all wrote in class.

Venture (Grades 4-6): This week your child learned the ways Jesus is present in the Church today. The class also put together a timeline that shows how people have lived the teaching of Jesus. Ask your child to share the timeline with the family and explain it to you all. Talk about what God has called your family to do for others.

Visions (Grades 7-8): During this week's class, your son or daughter discovered just what a call from God involved. The class also explored God's call to the prophet Isaiah and the Apostle Peter. Talk about how everyone has a vocation and by Baptism each one is called to witness to God's love. Talk, too, about how you can help one another develop and use your gifts and talents to make a difference in the world.

Pray Together

This week's Gospel dramatizes the vocation of Peter. Each evening this week, pray as a family in your own words for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Talk about priests, sisters, and brothers who have cared for your family. Say a prayer for those people, too.