

Fifth Sunday (Year C)

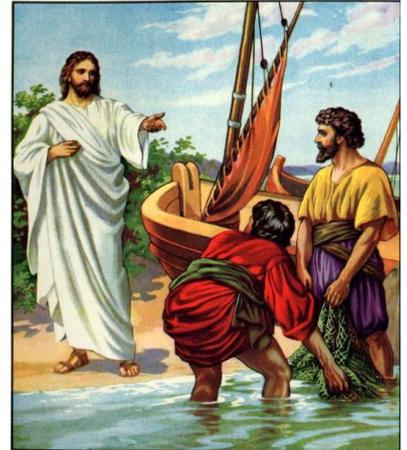
6th February 2022

Preparing the prayer space

Place a green cloth on the table or floor (green – the colour for Ordinary time)
Place a cross, bible, and candle on it. Light the candle or use a battery-operated candle for safety. Add any other symbols relevant to your family.

Prepare materials

- YouTube as listed on sheet: Scripture story and song
- Suggested activities: your choice or other related activity on sheet
- Print out sheet if required



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Gather around the prayer space as a family

Parent/Caregiver: In today's gospel, Jesus approaches Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John, and they leave everything to follow him.

Opening prayer:

God, help us to place our trust and faith in Jesus and to follow you Lord.

Gospel: A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke (5:1-11)

All: Glory to you O, Lord.

One day Jesus was standing on the shore of Lake Gennesaret while the people pushed their way up to him to listen to the word of God. He saw two boats pulled up on the beach; the fishermen had left them and were washing the nets. Jesus got into one of the boats—it belonged to Simon—and asked him to push off a little from the shore. Jesus sat in the boat and taught the crowd.

When he finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Push the boat out further to the deep water, and you and your partners let down your nets for a catch."

"Master," Simon answered, "we worked hard all night long and caught nothing. But if you say so, I will let down the nets." They let them down and caught such a large number of fish that the nets were about to break. So they motioned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats so full of fish that the boats were about to sink. When Simon Peter saw what had happened, he fell on his knees before Jesus and said, "Go away from me, Lord! I am a sinful man!"

He and the others with him were all amazed at the large number of fish they had caught. The same was true of Simon's partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee. Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will be catching people."

They pulled the boats up on the beach, left everything, and followed Jesus.

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Prayerfully watch the video together

Jesus calls Peter <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EhlwTU9RbxY>

Scripture reflection and time of sharing:

I wonder why Jesus was on the shore of Lake Gennesaret...

I wonder why Jesus chose Simon Peter's boat...

I wonder how it would have felt to be in the crowd listening to Jesus...

I wonder what Simon Peter was thinking when he listened to Jesus about where to place his nets...

I wonder why Simon Peter fell on his knees before Jesus...

I wonder how they chose to leave everything and follow Jesus...

Let us sing together our beliefs as Christians:

I Believe - John Burland ft. Genevieve Bryant <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mvYbfojVkJGQ> (4 mins)

Intercessions: Let us now spend some time in prayer asking God to listen to our needs.
(*We respond to the prayers by saying the words 'Lord, hear our prayer'*)

1 We pray for Pope Francis, Archbishop Patrick O'Regan, all Church and world leaders to be leaders who will lead with faith and honesty.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

2 We pray for those people and families preparing to receive their Sacraments of Initiation this year, that they spend more time in prayer and coming to know you more deeply.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

3 We pray that all the members of our Church will share the good news of the gospel with others.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

4 We pause for a moment and pray in our hearts or aloud for any intentions or people we would like to pray for at this time (*pause*)

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

6 We pray for our world, especially for those who are affected by Covid. We pray for their healing and a swift end to the virus.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

Closing prayer: We lift our hearts and the prayers of our community. We make these prayers through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Closing song: Send Us Out <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n0xOIX7-vFo> (2:56 min)

Follow up activity suggestions after the time of prayer has end.

- **Prayer journal**
Write a prayer to Jesus in your prayer journal (special notebook).
- **Colouring In**
https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/7332/60624/version/6/Prayer_childrens-liturgy_5th-Sunday-ordinary-time-C-illustration.pdf
- **Fishers of men**
Make your own craft of this gospel story:
<https://www.jesus-without-language.net/first-4-disciples-mark-1-craft-2/>
- **Sunday Connection**
We... see the ways that God uses the gifts he gave us to transform us into new people, the agents through whom God will lead others to Jesus and to his kingdom... In what ways do we participate in the mission of the Church by leading people to Christ ("catching people")?
<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/fifth-sunday-in-ordinary-time-c-sunday-connection/>