



## Sunday Gospel Background

In Sunday's Gospel, John the Baptist points out Jesus to two of his own disciples. After these men meet Jesus, they tell others about him. This Gospel includes Jesus' invitation: "Come, and you will see" (1:39)—a message for his first followers and for us today. It prompts us to think about what discipleship means in our own lives. Look for opportunities this week to share with your child what it means for you to be a disciple of Jesus, and invite your child to do the same.

## Share Experiences

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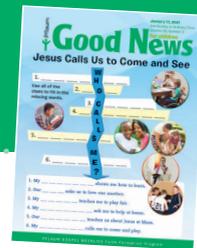
- Pray together** "Loving God, people call to us every day, asking us to help them, play with them, and listen to them. You call us, too. Help us to listen to you always. Amen."
- Cover Activity • Who Calls Me? (page 1)** Invite your child to read the cover title, printed vertically. Have your child fill in the blanks in the sentences. **Answers:** *teacher, God, coach, parents, priest, friend.* **Ask:** What are some examples of how these people call you? Has anyone called you today? As you move through the lesson, stop occasionally and **ask:** Who is being called? Who is calling? What are they being called to do?
- Activity • Follow the Leader** Play a game of Follow the Leader, or Simon Says.

## Discover Gospel and Doctrine

- Activity • We Celebrate the Liturgy of the Word (pages 2–3)** This week, *Good News* provides an overview of the Liturgy of the Word. You and your child will proclaim the Gospel as the culmination of this activity.

Write *Liturgy of the Word* and *Liturgy of the Eucharist* on a board or sheet of paper. Help your child understand what parts of the Mass each of these represents. The Liturgy of the Word begins with the First Reading and ends with the Prayer of the Faithful. The Liturgy of the Eucharist begins with the Preparation of the Gifts and ends with the Communion Rite.

- Old Testament Reading • Samuel Answers a Call (page 2)** Share the reading parts between you and your child: God, Samuel, Storyteller, and Eli. **Ask:** Why didn't Samuel realize it was God who was calling him? *Perhaps Samuel wasn't expecting God to call him; maybe he was too sleepy; maybe it took an old wise man to help him see God's will for him.* **Ask:** When have you been called by God? This will be more difficult to answer. God's call need not have been in words. It could be by seeing beauty in nature and realizing God made all this. It could be a friend asking for help. God is deep in our hearts, calling us all the time to be our best selves, to be loving and forgiving. Invite your child to draw a picture if it helps to express this.
- Responsorial Psalm (page 3):** Explain that the psalms are taken from the Book of Psalms in the Old Testament. Point out that the Responsorial Psalm is often sung at Mass by a cantor, and the people sing the refrain. Read aloud the response and have your child repeat it. Disregard "right" and "left." Instead, simply take turns reading the psalm part and say the response together. When finished, explain that on Sundays, we also hear a Second Reading, usually from the Acts of the Apostles or one of the letters to the early Christian communities.
- Sunday Gospel • Come and See (page 3)** If you have a Bible, help your child find the Sunday Gospel (John 1:35–42). Explain that the all the Mass readings come from the Bible. Take turns proclaiming each sentence of the Gospel from *Good News*.



- **Discuss the Know questions related to the Gospel.** *Possible answers: 1. Andrew and his friend follow Jesus because they trust John the Baptist. They have probably heard Jesus teaching and want to learn more from him. They have probably heard John the Baptist say that he is the one God has promised to send to save his people. 2. After the two friends spend a day with Jesus, Andrew wants to tell his brother about Jesus. As we know, they both become Jesus' followers. Ask: Why do people want to be Jesus' followers?*
- **Catholic Faith Word • disciple (page 2)** Read the definition of *disciple* together. Help your child understand that by following Jesus and sharing his teaching with others, we are his disciples. **Ask:** What are the names of some of Jesus' first disciples? *Andrew and Simon Peter.* Explain that *Peter* means "rock." Jesus gives Simon this name because he will need to have strong faith for the work Jesus will ask him to do. **Ask:** Who are some of Jesus' disciples today?
- **Connecting Gospel and Doctrine (page 3)** Read together "We Hear God's Call at Mass." Help your child recognize that attending Sunday Mass is important for us as Jesus' disciples.



- **Open the *What the Church Believes and Teaches* handbook to page 22.** **Ask:** What is an activity that we do together as a family? Explain that liturgy is like that in some ways. The Church is the family of God. When the people of the Church come together to praise and thank God, we are celebrating what we call *liturgy*. Explain that readings from the Bible are an important part of every Church liturgy. Our most important liturgy is Sunday Mass. Direct your child's attention to the heading on page 22: "The Liturgy of the Word." **Invite** your child to think of a reading from the Bible or something from a recent Homily at Mass. **Ask:** What did you think of? Why did you remember it? Point out that God speaks to us through the words of the Bible and the priest or deacon's words in the Homily. Even though the books of the Bible were written a long time ago, they are God's messages for us today.

*Once you have completed this section of the lesson, close the handbook and return to Good News, page 4.*

## Live the Gospel

- **Activity • "Jesus, come and see!" (page 4)** Tell your child you're going to play a game about what Jesus might see if he came to a school. Follow the directions to play the game with your child. **Ask:** What would you want Jesus to see if he came to our house?
- **Closing Prayer** Share something or someone you wish to pray for, and invite your child to do the same. Respond to each by saying together, "Lord, hear our prayer." Pray the Lord's Prayer to finish.



## Parent Resources

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