



Sunday Gospel Background

This Sunday's Gospel includes one of Jesus' most wonderful statements: "Come, and you will see" (1:39). We learn that each person has a calling—a vocation—from God. Whether our vocation is to marriage, priesthood, religious life or single life, we are called to follow Jesus, each in our own way. But like the Apostles, we must spend time with Jesus to learn what he wants from us. Praying to God every day and asking him what he wants of us is the most important thing we can do. Just like Andrew and his friend, we must "come and see."

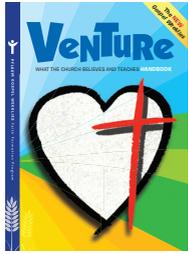
Share Experiences

Check off the boxes as you complete each part of the lesson.

- Pray together** Loving God, bless all the people who lead the Church. Help us see the work they do and find ways we can help and be leaders ourselves. Amen.
- Cover Activity • Who Leads the Church? (page 1)** Use a copy of your parish bulletin or access the website to gather names for this bingo game.
- Article • Good Pope John (pages 2-3)** Read the article together or have your child read it silently. (If your child needs a reminder, in Roman numerals, X= ten and I = one.)
- Discuss the Think questions on page 3.** *Answers: 1. He was called to be a dedicated student, called to serve the church, called to work for the Catholic Worker Movement, and called to serve the Italian Army. 2. Angelo was a leader by helping refugees and by helping people survive and escape the Nazis. He brought Orthodox and Roman Catholics together in conversation. 3. As pope, through the Second Vatican Council, he brought Catholics a more accessible form of their religion, Masses in their own language, interfaith communication, and a commitment to justice and equality.*

Discover Gospel and Doctrine

- Sunday Gospel • Jesus Calls His First Followers (page 4)** Explain that this Gospel takes place at the Jordan River where John baptized Jesus. If you have access to a Bible map, show your child where the Jordan River flows into the Dead Sea. The traditional site of Jesus' baptism is just a little north of the Dead Sea. Proclaim the Gospel by sharing the parts of Narrator, John, Jesus, Andrew, and Two Disciples. Set the scene in which John the Baptist points out Jesus to Andrew and another disciple and the subsequent scene in which Andrew brings his brother Simon (Peter) to meet Jesus.
- Discuss the Think questions on page 4.** *Answers: 1. John points out Jesus and tells the disciples that Jesus is the Lamb of God. Speculate about why else they might have been interested. 2. Simon Peter, his brother. 3. Open-ended. Talk about your child's gifts, talents and interests and how they might be vocations, even now at this age.*
- Connecting Gospel and Doctrine • Jesus Calls Us to Love (page 4)** Read this doctrine feature as a summary of the Gospel message of calling and naming. Jesus calls us by name.
- Turn to the Think questions on page 4.** *Answers: 1. Even if your child already knows the story, talk about it together. 2. Peter agrees to follow Jesus. He also answers Jesus' call to lead God's Church on earth.*



- **Open** the *What the Church Believes and Teaches* handbook to page 11. Take turns reading aloud the three paragraphs of section 12: What was the mission of Jesus? Remind your child that the mystery of the Incarnation is that God became one of us in Jesus so that we might become more like God. Jesus' entire life was an example of this Good News of God's love for us.

Note that the Creed we pray each Sunday skips over Jesus' ministry and goes right to his suffering, Death, and Resurrection. The Sunday Gospels are where we hear about that part of Jesus' life. The Gospels in this unit show Jesus teaching and healing and going from town to town. Jesus is a man seized by the love of God.

Once you have completed this section of the lesson, close the handbook and return to Venture page 5.

- **Catholic Faith Word • Vocation (page 5)** Read the definition aloud.
- **Our Catholic Faith • A Vocation Is Saying Yes to God (page 5)** Read aloud this feature together. Feel free to share about a priest or a religious sister or brother you know who truly lives out a vocation to serve God.

Live the Gospel

- **Living the Gospel • Who Were Jesus' First Followers? (pages 7-8)** Follow the instructions on page 8. Partner with your child and take turns reading aloud the information on the cards about each of the four fishermen Jesus called and about Mary Magdalene, whose belief in Jesus' Resurrection earned her the title of apostle to the Apostles. Have your child cut out the cards, being careful to keep the name of each follower at the top of each card. For the blank card, invite your child to include information about a patron or favorite saint, or other another role model of what it means to be a follower of Jesus.
- **Saints • Saint André of Montreal (page 6)** Read this feature aloud together or have your child read it silently. **Ask:** How did Brother André answer God's call in his life?
- **Closing Prayer** Invite your child to reflect on the holy people you've studied. Explain that some people do the important work of protecting people who are not able to protect or speak for themselves. This week, the Church prays for them as we observe the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. **Pray:** Loving God, every life is precious. We thank you for every person—young, old, and unborn. Amen.



Parent Resources

For weekly videos, assessments, and more, scan this code or go to pflaumweeklies.com/family
Visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings to read this Sunday's Scripture