



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."

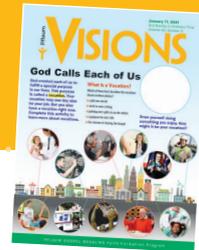
Share Experiences

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

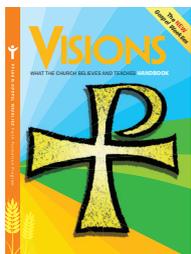
- Pray together** Loving God, help us discover our calling and use our lives to serve you and each other. Amen.
- Cover Activity • God Calls Each of Us (page 1)** Look at the photos on the cover together. Most of these pictures show professions, but they also show vocations. Have your child look at the list of descriptions of a vocation. Go through each photo together and decide which of the descriptions apply to each vocation. (Further discussion of vocations can be found on page 5.)
- Article • A Martyr for Our Time—Rutilio Grande, S.J. (pages 2-4)** The person who first called Archbishop Oscar Romero to stand with the poor and oppressed of El Salvador was his friend and former faculty colleague, Father Rutilio Grande. Rutilio introduced Oscar to Christ suffering in the people of El Salvador just as Andrew introduced his brother Simon Peter to Jesus. In February 2020, Pope Francis formally approved the beatification of Father Grande and his two companions who were murdered with him. Read aloud this story with your child.
- Discuss the Talk questions on page 3.** *Answers: 1. From Father Rutilio's preaching of the Gospel, peasants learned their human dignity and that God does not intend their exploitation. 2. "We must do what God asks." Rutilio realized they could be killed and assented. 3. The author, Father O'Malley, tells Rutilio's story as a parallel to Jesus' way of the Cross. To begin, Rutilio eats with his pastoral team, who warn him officials are plotting to kill him. Rutilio accepts his death. Walking with the poor costs Rutilio his life. His funeral raises up the poor, shows them their strength and allies the Church with them.*

Discover Gospel and Doctrine

- Sunday Gospel • Jesus Calls His First Followers (page 4)** Point out that this Gospel has three scenes: 1. John the Baptist points out Jesus to Andrew; 2. Andrew and the other disciple meet Jesus and follow him home; 3. Andrew brings Simon Peter to meet Jesus. Note that, in this Gospel, the men with John the Baptist are identified as *followers*; they are called *disciples* after John the Baptist declares Jesus is the Lamb of God and they decide to follow Jesus.
- Discuss the Talk questions on page 4.** *Answers: 1. By being curious about Jesus and following up on that curiosity to learn more. By being brought along by a person who has already found Jesus. 2. Open-ended; John the Baptist's declaration that Jesus is the Lamb of God would have been very persuasive. 3. Open-ended.*
- Connecting Gospel and Doctrine • Jesus Calls His Beloved Children (page 4)** Read aloud this summary of how God calls us to holiness in Baptism and through our vocation in life.



- Discuss the *Talk* questions on page 4. *Answers: 1. Open-ended; Jesus might call us through our passions and interests or perhaps through the encouragement of mentors, teachers, or coaches. 2. Open-ended; you may want to share a disappointment or mistake from your own life to prompt discussion.*



- Open the *What the Church Believes and Teaches* handbook to page 22 and briefly review the section about Baptism. Turn to page 25 and **read** about the Sacraments at the Service of Communion. Stress how those in Holy Orders serve the Church by teaching, leading worship, and guiding. Make certain your child knows the names of the bishop of your diocese, your parish priests, and deacon, if there is one.

Turn to page 26 and **read** about Matrimony.

Finish by asking your child to consider how each of these sacraments asks the recipient to live a holy life. What is the vocation of a baptized person, a married person, and a man who receives Holy Orders? You will continue this discussion in the next part of the lesson.

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

- **Our Catholic Faith • Our Vocations Call Us to Live Holy Lives (page 5)** Have your child identify what is happening in each photo and read the caption. Share about people you know who live out their vocation.
- **Catholic Faith Word • Vocation (page 5)** Make it clear that young people don't have to wait until they are adults to have a vocation. Through Baptism, our first vocation is to love.

Live the Gospel

- **Catholic Leaders • All Kinds of Calls (page 6)** Give your child time to read the short biographies and watch the videos on a cellphone, if available. Then ask your child to recommend one or more of the videos/biographies for you to watch or read as well. Watch/read your child's choice and discuss it together.
- **Living the Gospel • You Make the Call (page 7)** Peer pressure is one roadblock that can keep young people from following Jesus in the decisions and actions they make every day. This game will help your child identify how peer pressure influences all of us and how best to handle peer pressure. Instead of forming groups, take turns reading the scenarios with your child and responding. Or, if you are part of a parish community, you might connect with other *Visions* families to share this activity online. Contact your parish faith formation leader to arrange this. Remind your child that this game does not reward unrealistic answers given to satisfy peer pressure. Encourage your child to be honest.
- **Prayer • We Are United in Christ (page 8)** This week, the Church celebrates the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Say this prayer together, alternating the spoken parts between you.



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