

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Family Lesson Plan

Prepare Prayer Area – Prayer cloth (green for ordinary time – our Bible readings outside of Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter/Pentecost that help us grow in our faith), candle to represent the Light of Christ, Bible, Cross/Crucifix, children’s artwork from previous weeks, items from nature, other symbols of choice.

Opening Prayer –

Alleluia, alleluia. Fill us with your word; Your word is life for our souls. **Alleluia.**

Preparation for Sunday Scripture Readings - In today’s Gospel we learn about one of at least two family relations that appear among Jesus’ first disciples. Andrew is the brother of Simon, whom Jesus renames Peter. In next week’s Gospel, we will learn about the brothers James and John, the sons of Zebedee. We know from the letters of Paul and other witnesses to the early Church that it was a common occurrence for an entire household to be baptized together. From the very beginning of the Church, families helped one another to know and follow Jesus.

Read today’s Gospel

John 1:35-42. Children’s version is on the *Children’s Liturgy* page on the homepage of our website.

Reflect on the Gospel

In today’s Gospel we learn about how Andrew led his brother, Simon, to Jesus. In our family life, we also help to lead one another to Jesus. Talk together about the items on your prayer table and other items in your house that remind you of your faith, discussing what these items mean to you and how you might use them for prayer.

1. Ask: ***Who does the Gospel say was first to tell people about Jesus?*** (John the Baptist) ***Who was next?*** (Andrew and another disciple) ***Who did Andrew tell about Jesus?*** (his brother, Simon)
2. Say: ***The first disciples wanted to follow Jesus because they had gotten to know him. The more we learn about Jesus, the more we want to follow him.***
3. Two very important questions were asked in this gospel reading. ***What did Jesus ask Andrew and the other disciple?*** (what do you want?) ***If Jesus asked you what you wanted, what would you say?*** ***What did the two disciples ask Jesus in return?*** (Where do you live?) ***What did Jesus tell them?***

Closing Prayer

God, who made us and is in each and every one of us, hear us as we pray:

Leader: We pray for the Pope, that he may be a true successor to Peter by following in Jesus’ love. Lord in your mercy, All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray that all people will come to know Jesus as the Lamb of God. Lord in your mercy, All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for people in the world who do not have a safe place to stay. Lord in your mercy, All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for our families, that they may be safe and well. Lord in your mercy, All: **Hear our prayer.**

For whom or what else shall we pray?

Leader: Lord, help us to see you around us in our lives, and to serve you through our loving kindness toward other people. We make all our prayers through Christ our Lord. All: **Amen**

Close with a family blessing, perhaps blessing each other.