



**CHILDRENS LITURGY LESSON PLAN
JANUARY 26, 2020**

THEME: FOLLOW ME

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: *Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.* From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. "As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men. "At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people

ENTERING AND WELCOMING

- *Make the children to stand in a circle and hold their hands together.
- *Bring to their mind that Jesus is standing in middle of the circle. Wish Him. Prompt them to close eyes for talking to Jesus in prayer.
- *Say a prayer in children's own words or do 'Our father' and 'Hail Mary' together
- * **The Sorry Prayer: (Optional)**
Ask the Children to reflect on the past week and reflect on whether they would like to say sorry for anything they have done or said to someone, that must have hurt Lord Jesus.
(After each prayer, respond: Lord have mercy.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

WELCOMING THE GOSPEL: ALLELUIA

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

ST. MATTHEW 4:12-23

Response: Glory to you, O Lord

READ THE GOSPEL (given in the side)

The gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

ACTIVITY: Gather All:

Scatter paper 'people cutouts' all over the class. Children are made to two groups. Ask children to gather the scattered cutouts to the two boxes assigned for each group within a specific time given. The group who collected the most wins. (After the game, a message is given that helping each other and in-turn the teacher too, made to bring together the scattered 'people cutouts'. Same way Jesus calls us to gather the scattered children of god to kingdom of Heaven)

Song time:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gm88zJs3kUk>

I will make you fishers of men,
Fishers of men, fishers of men.
I will make you fishers of men,
If you follow Me.

If you follow Me,
If you follow Me,
I will make you fishers of men,
If you follow Me.

Hear Christ calling "Come unto Me
Come unto Me, Come unto Me."
Hear Christ calling "Come unto Me
I will give You rest."

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GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

Last week, in the Gospel we heard the revelations of John the Baptist about who Jesus is? and how Jesus was revealed to him and how he revealed and witnessed Jesus to the people of Israel

Prompt children of scenarios of being chosen for some events. How did they feel when they were selected or left out? etc

In today's gospel, we see Jesus starting his mission: preaching to repent (change the way of living) and that kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this mission Jesus chooses helpers/friends to spread this message all over the place. We see that the helpers He chooses were ordinary fisherman. We see Jesus walking into their lives of hopelessness and dryness by giving them hope and light to their life. Jesus is transforming their life which was dark, hopeless and worldly to the brighter side. When they hear Jesus's calling them, they surrender their means of life, the nets and even their family to Jesus's word and calling and follows Him in faith.

They leave their former way of living and begins to live new life in Christ. We See that Jesus doesn't need their perfections. He called them in their weaknesses and empowers them in his strength for eternal gain.

In the same way, we are too chosen and called by Jesus through Baptism. We who are baptized in the name of the Father Son and Holy spirit belongs to this heavenly kingdom. Life in Christ is a new style of living in which you are not alone anymore but Christ is with you always and you are not gaining for your own selfishness but you are living for good of others and gathering everyone for the kingdom of heaven by spreading the good news of Jesus and what he has done in life for us. In this new life everyone become the part of the heavenly kingdom doing everything that our heavenly father tells us through his son Jesus.

Let us trust in him and entrust in faith everything to Jesus and follow him. HE will make us Fishers of men to draw people to Gods love. Let us ask God to make us a fisher of men, to help us share His love with others. For this let us reflect for a moment about the love with which God is loving us each moment of our life so, that we are able to thank him and share this love with others and thus to gain everyone for the kingdom of heaven. Hence let us listen. Jesus is calling each of us.

VERSES TO REMEMBER (WRITTEN ON THE WHITE BOARD):

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”- Matthew 4:19

INTERCESSION PRAYERS:

If children have any personal prayer intentions, we pray for them.

And in response we pray: **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

FINAL PRAYER:

Dear lord, thank you for loving us so much giving us Jesus and making us children of the Kingdom of Heaven. Help us to listen to His call each moment of our life, surrendering our life unto you in faith and doing only what Jesus tells us. Empower us with your Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel by our lives; with Christ in us. Amen

Children re-join the Holy Mass.