

G O S P E L

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark 1:14-20

When Jesus came to Galilee, he proclaimed the Good News to the people saying, 'The time you have been waiting for has come! The reign of God is here! Change your lives and believe in the Good News!'

A little while later, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew. They were fishermen and they were putting their nets into the water. Jesus called out to them, 'Come and follow me. From now on you will be gathering people, not fish!'

Simon and Andrew left their boats and their nets immediately and started to follow Jesus.

Later on, Jesus saw James and his brother John. They were in their boat taking care of their fishing nets. Jesus called to them and they too left their boat and those who were working in the boat with them. And they went to follow Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Simon and Andrew were just ordinary people. But Jesus changed all that.

Would you leave everything and follow Jesus?

C H I L D R E N ' S
L I T U R G Y

CAN WE TALK ABOUT IT

In today's Gospel we see Jesus begin to gather his disciples. Jesus doesn't have to explain himself - He doesn't need to convince his disciples. He approaches them with Love.

And His disciples respond with Love by following Him. They don't complain or question. They see Love and they see God, and that's all they need.

Remember God is Love, and in our lives we don't need to make our friendship with God difficult. It can be as simple as listening to His voice, and following it.

WHY OH WHY

Jenny was always a curious girl. She would often ask her older sister a lot of questions.

"Why are turtles green?"

"Why does the moon change shape?"

Her older sister, Dina, would always find out the answer for her.

"Turtles are green because they can blend in with their surroundings."

"The moon changes because of how much light reaches it from the Sun."

One day, Jenny saw her older sister seeming a little lost. Dina asked her, 'How do you know God is there?'

Jenny smiled. 'That's an easy question, Dina.'



Dina replied, 'Really? Sometimes I don't know what to think.'

Jenny said, 'But you always know the answer to all my questions! So you'll always find the answer!'

Dina smiled, 'So God is the answer?'

Jenny nodded. 'Yes. And you'll figure it out eventually. Sometimes just because you can't see something doesn't mean it isn't real!'