



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 2024

Mark 1:14-20

You can share a variety of liturgies linked to this week's gospel with your child at home.



You can find weekly Gospel Liturgies from The Mark 10 Mission by clicking on the link [here](#).

You can also share the Children's Liturgy from Redemptorist Publications with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph by clicking this link [here](#).

Check this newsletter regularly for other links to liturgies designed for children.

Each week, you can download a weekly Bible verse from *The God Who Speaks* website. [Click here](#) to access the Weekly Bible Verse archive.



After John had been put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee and preached the Good News from God. "The right time has come," he said, "and the Kingdom of God is near! Turn away from your sins and believe the Good News!"

As Jesus walked along the shore of Lake Galilee, he saw two fishermen, Simon and his brother Andrew, catching fish with a net. Jesus said to them, "Come with me, and I will teach you to catch people." At once they left their nets and went with him.

He went a little farther on and saw two other brothers, James and John, the sons of

Zebedee. They were in their boat getting their nets ready. As soon as Jesus saw them, he called them; they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and went with Jesus.



(Gospel passage taken from Good News Translation® and used with permission)

Simon and his brother Andrew are fishing by a lake when Jesus asks them to follow him. At once, they leave their fishing nets behind and go with Jesus.

James and John do the same when they are asked. They leave their father behind as well as their boat and their fishing nets. They follow Jesus and become his disciples.

Do you think it was an easy decision for them to make to follow Jesus in this way?

How do you think the people that they left behind, like their families and friends, felt when they left so quickly?

How would you feel if you had to leave your family, friends and all your things behind?

Jesus asks us all to follow him. But unlike Simon, Andrew, James and John in this reading, we cannot see Jesus and go with him as he travels round the country. So, what do you think Jesus wants us to do? How can we follow Jesus?

We can follow Jesus by living our lives as he would want us to. By being kind to others, sharing all that we have, and caring for all people, especially those who are poor or sick, so that the world becomes a fairer place for everyone to live in.

We can also follow Jesus by standing up for what we believe in and speaking out when we see something that is not right.

And of course, praying helps us to follow Jesus. It is when we pray that we come to know Jesus better and this helps us to understand how to follow him.

How will you follow Jesus this week?

Art can help bring the Gospel to life for children.

explore the gospel
THROUGH ART

You may find the website [Christian Art](#) enjoyable to explore with your child. Each day they share artwork linked to the daily Gospel.

This week's Sunday Gospel art is:
Jesus appointed the twelve
Mark 3:13-19

The Last Supper,
Painted by Fritz von Uhde
(1848-1911),
Painted in 1886,
Oil on canvas
© Staatsgalerie, Stuttgart,
Germany



We can worship and pray through Music. For this week's Gospel, enjoy listening to both traditional and contemporary worship music!
Traditional: 'Behold the Lamb of God' by Stephen Dean
Contemporary: '[Whom Shall I Fear](#)' by Chris Tomlin

EXPLORE
the gospel
THROUGH MUSIC

You can now access the Ten:Ten Parent Portal at home with the details below.

Username: st-michaels-tw15
Password: thames-orange
Parent Portal: www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal

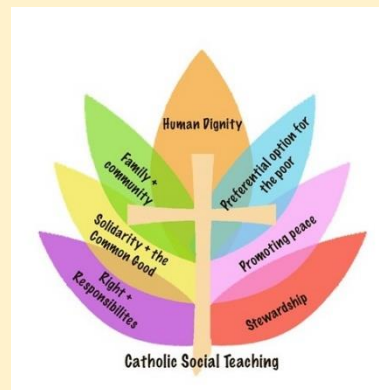
Ten:Ten
Resources

YOUCAT
for
Kids

YouCat is a guide to the Catechism of the Catholic Church for children. It is an easy read and a user friendly guide for parents and carers to support their children. You can find out more about YouCat at www.youcat.org

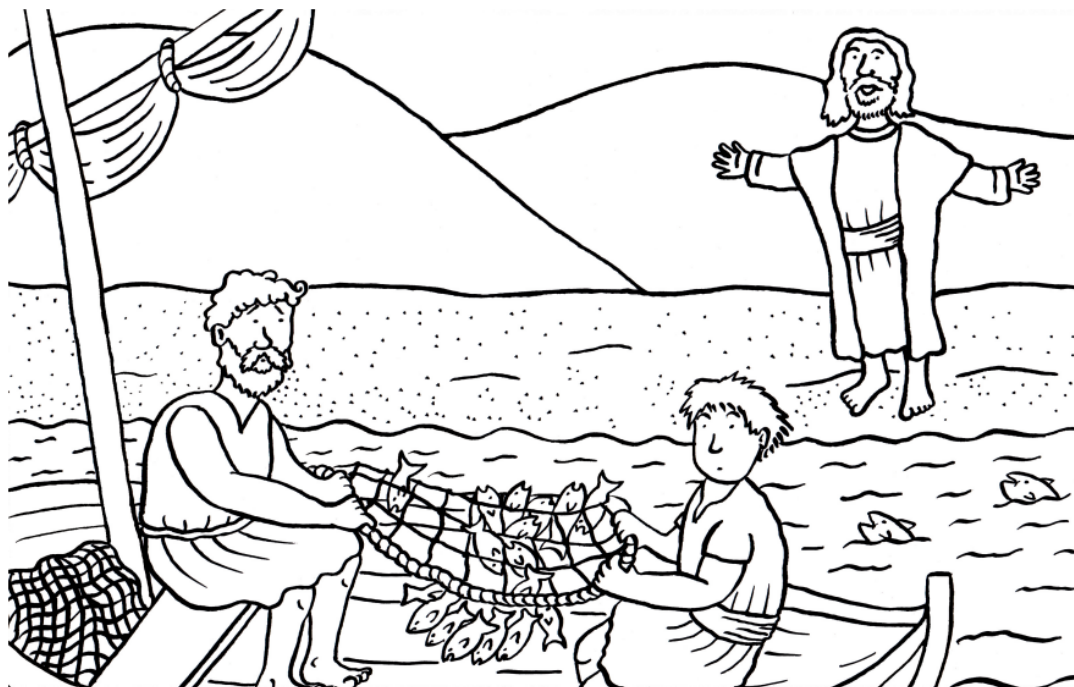
Catholic Social Teaching:

Which principle do you think the gospel teaching best relate to this week?



*This week's Gospel activity sheet from **CAFOD**:*

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Gospel: Mark 1:14-20



CAFOD is the overseas aid agency for the Catholic Church in England and Wales.
Find more activities at cafod.org.uk/familypayers



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January 2024 - Liturgical Calendar

Day Date Celebration

			solemnity
Sunday	7	<u>The Epiphany of the Lord</u>	solemnity
Monday	8	<u>Baptism of the Lord</u>	feast
Tuesday	9	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Week II
Wednesday	10	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Thursday	11	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Friday	12	Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Aelred of Rievaulx, Religious (E)	
Saturday	13	Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	
Sunday	14	<u>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	Week II
Monday	15	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tuesday	16	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wednesday	17	St Anthony, abbot	<i>memorial</i>
Thursday	18	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Friday	19	Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Wulstan, Bishop (E)	
Saturday	20	Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Fabian, Pope, Martyr, St Sebastian, Martyr	
Sunday	21	<u>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	Week III
Monday	22	Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Vincent, Deacon, Martyr	
Tuesday	23	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wednesday	24	St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	<i>memorial</i>
Thursday	25	The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle	feast
Friday	26	Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops	<i>memorial</i>
Saturday	27	Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Angela Merici, Virgin	
Sunday	28	<u>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	week IV
Monday	29	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tuesday	30	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wednesday	31	St John Bosco, Priest	<i>memorial</i>