



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 2025

Luke 5:1-11

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.

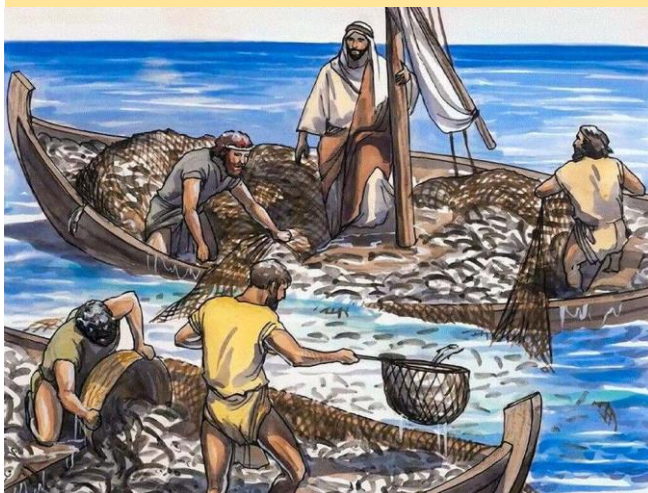
Each week, you can download a weekly Bible verse from *The God Who Speaks* website.

[Click here](#) to access the Weekly Bible Verse archive.



One day Jesus was standing on the shore of Lake Gennesaret while the people pushed their way up to him to listen to the word of God. He saw two boats pulled up on the beach; the fishermen had left them and were washing the nets. Jesus got into one of the boats—it belonged to Simon—and asked him to push off a little from the shore. Jesus sat in the boat and taught the crowd. When he finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Push the boat out further to the deep water, and you and your partners let down your nets for a catch.” “Master,” Simon answered, “we worked hard all night long and caught nothing. But if you say so, I will let down the nets.” They let them down and caught such a large number of fish that the nets were about to break. So they motioned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats so full of fish that the boats were about to sink. When Simon Peter saw what had happened, he fell on his knees before Jesus and said, “Go away from me, Lord! I am a sinful man!”

He and the others with him were all amazed at the large number of fish they had caught. The same was true of Simon's partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee. Jesus said to Simon, “Don't be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.”



They pulled the boats up on the beach, left everything, and followed Jesus.

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

Jesus borrows Simon's boat so that he can teach the crowds that are around him on the shore. When he has finished speaking he tells Simon Peter to put out his fishing nets into the water.

Do you remember what Simon says? He does not think they will catch anything. They haven't caught anything all night.

What happens when Simon Peter and his friends put out the nets? They catch so many fish, and they are so heavy, the boat nearly sinks! How do you think Simon, James and John feel when they see this?

Many people in this country and around the world still make their living from catching fish today. And some people like to fish as a hobby. Do you know anyone who goes fishing – either for work or in their spare time? Have you ever been fishing? What was it like?

Jesus tells the disciples that they will become fishers of people. What do you think that this means?

At the end of the reading the disciples leave everything behind to follow Jesus. From now on they will spend their time with him, sharing his message with other people. How do you think it must have felt for the disciples to leave all their belongings and all their family and friends behind, to follow Jesus. How do you think their family and friends felt?

Jesus calls us all to follow him. How do you think we can follow Jesus in our lives and share his message of love and good news for all people? *(By listening to his word, by treating others as we would wish to be treated, etc)*

How will you show others that you follow Jesus this week?

Art can help bring the Gospel to life for children.



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

'Peace! Be still!' And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm

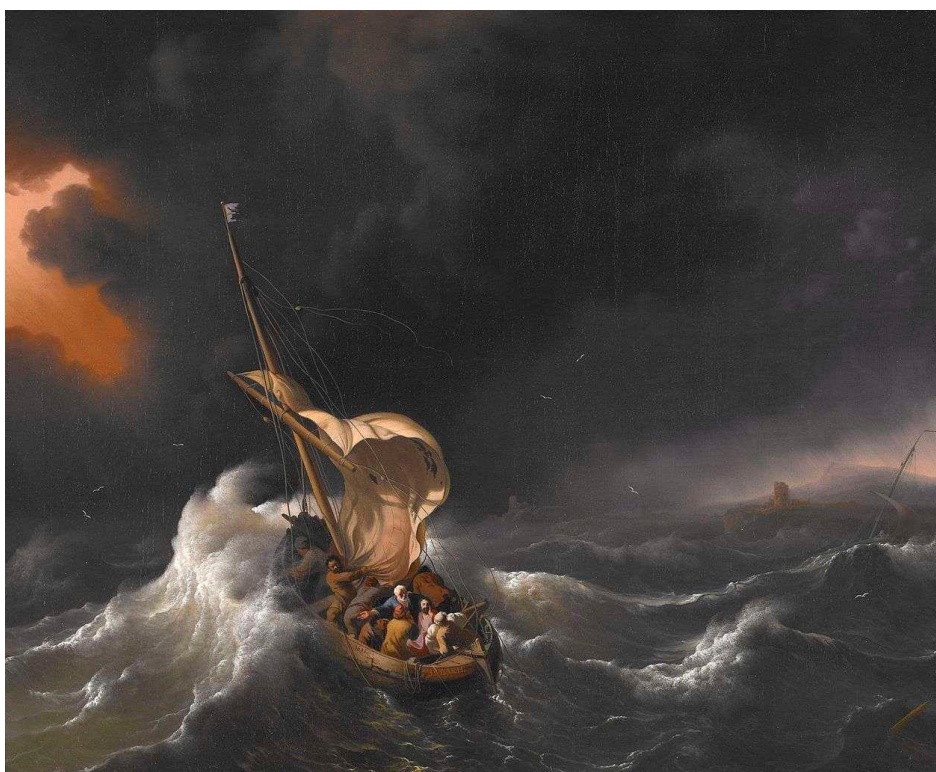
Mark 4:35-41

Christ in the Storm on the Sea of Galilee, Painted by Ludolf Bakhuizen (1630-1708),

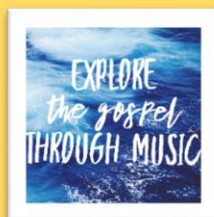
Painted in 1695 (dated on the side of the boat),

Oil on canvas

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We can worship and pray through Music. For this week's Gospel, enjoy listening to both traditional and contemporary worship music!



Traditional: ['Will You Come and Follow Me'](#) by John Bell and Graham Maule

Traditional: ['Follow me, Follow me'](#) by Michael Crockett and Sr Madeline Cuddy

Contemporary: ['Trading my Sorrows'](#) by Hillsong



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

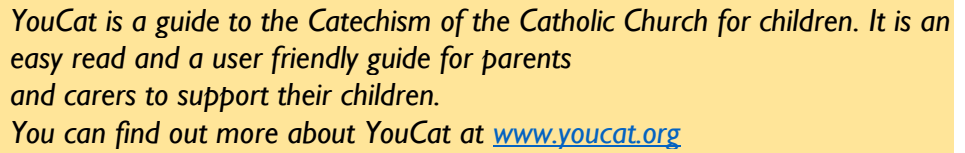
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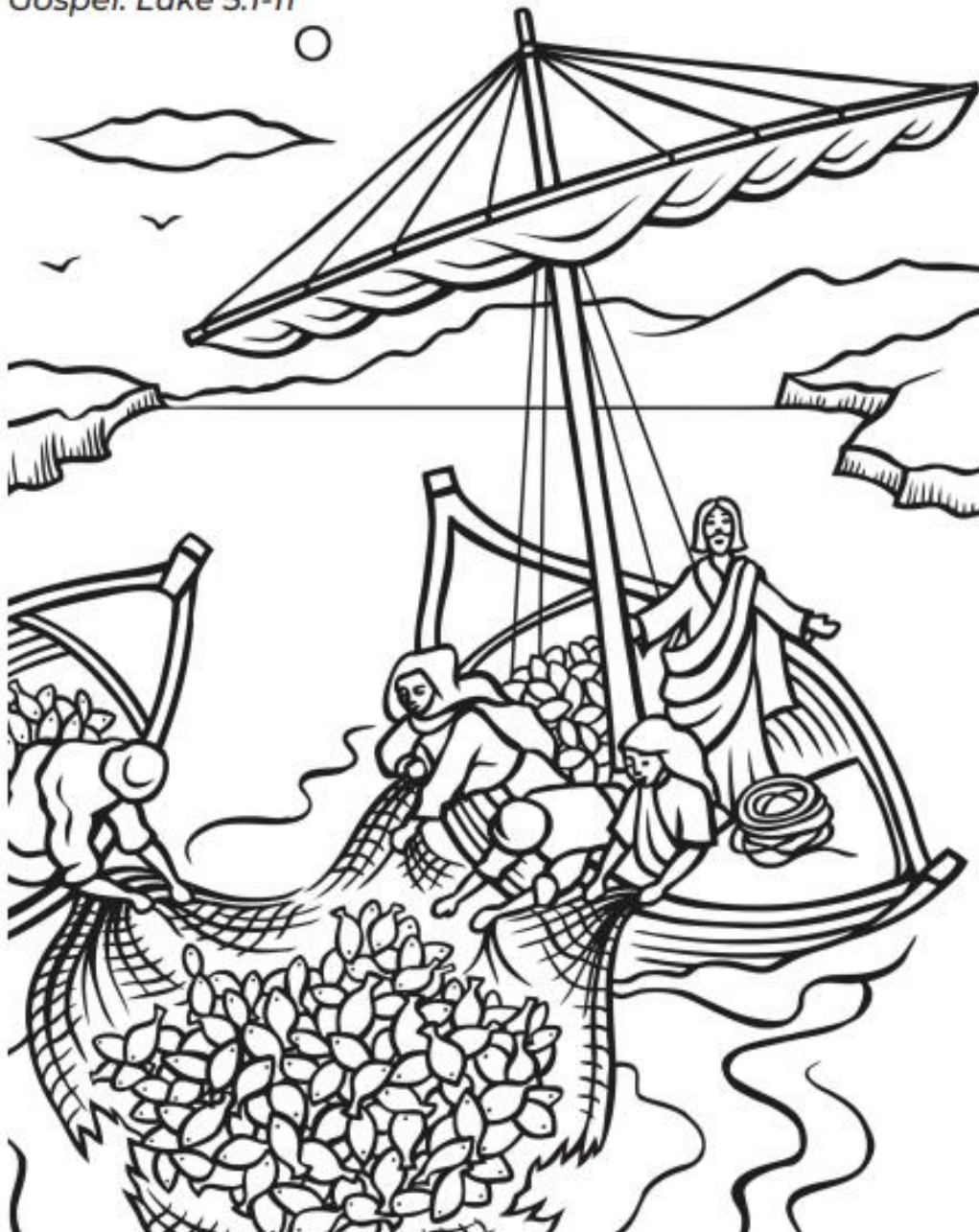
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Which principle do you think the gospel teaching best relate to this week?

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Liturgical Year



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| • 2nd February | Presentation of the Lord |
| • 3rd February | St. Blaise |
| • 5th February | St Agatha |
| • 6th February | St Paul Miki and Companions |
| • 8th February | St Josephine Bakhita |
| • 10th February | St Scholastica |
| • 11th February | Our Lady of Lourdes |
| • 14th February | Sts. Cyril and Methodius |
| • 22nd February | The Chair of St Peter. |

Cycle of Prayer

During Ordinary Time (Winter), i.e. up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions:

- Peace on Earth;
- Openness to the Word of God;
- Christian Unity;
- The Sick and Those Who Care for Them;
- Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it;
- The Unemployed.

Other Religions

February 15

Buddhist: Parinirvana

Marks the death of Buddha and his attainment of final Nirvana.

February 26

Hindu: Maha Shivaratri

A major Hindu festival celebrating Lord Shiva.