

## Children's Liturgy

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) - (Colour: Green)

**Welcome:** † In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia's e.g**      **Halle, Halle Halle** (sung)

Catechist: The kingdom of God is close at hand;  
believe the Good News.

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**Gospel:** Mark 1: 14 - 20

Catechist: † A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

**All:**            **Glory to you O Lord**

After John was arrested,  
Jesus went to Galilee and told the good news that comes from God.

He said, "The time has come! God's kingdom will soon be here. Turn back to God and believe the good news!"

As Jesus was walking along the shore of Lake Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew. They were fishermen and were casting their nets into the lake. Jesus said to the, "Come with me! I will teach you how to bring in people instead of fish."

Jesus walked on and soon saw James and John, the sons of Zebedee. They were in a boat, mending their nets.

AT once Jesus asked them to come with him.

They left their father in the boat with the hired workers

and went with him.

Catechist: The gospel of the Lord

**All:**            **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

### Gospel Reflection and Activities – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

In today's Gospel we heard that Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, when he saw two sets of brothers.

**Q: What were the names of the first two brothers?**

Simon and Andrew

**Q: What job were they doing when Jesus saw them?**

They were fishermen and they were out fishing on the Sea of Galilee.

**Q: What did Jesus say to them?**

“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.”

**Q: What did Simon and Andrew do when they heard this?**

They left their nets and followed Jesus.

**Q: What were the names of the next brothers that Jesus saw?**

James and John, sons of Zebedee.

**Q: What were they doing when Jesus spoke to them?**

They were mending their nets with their father.

**Q: Did they also follow Jesus?**

Yes

**Q: What do you think Jesus meant when he said, “I will make you fishers of men?”**

Jesus didn't expect them to go out and catch people with nets!

Jesus was calling Simon, Andrew, James and John to be his disciples and to go and tell everyone about Him and His teachings and His message of love.

**Jesus has called us to follow him too. Let's look at some different ways that we can follow Jesus every day.** *There are cut out fish with ways of following Jesus written on the back. Place the fish on the table – get the children to ‘catch’ a fish to turn over to see how we can follow Jesus. Discuss the ideas with the children.*

e.g. By making someone happy if they are sad  
By sharing what we have with others  
By telling our friends about Jesus  
By being kind to others  
By coming to Church  
By reading our Bible and saying our prayers  
By loving God and loving our neighbour

**Group Work: (10 mins)**

Send the children to their appropriate area for the Gospel Reflection and activity.

Preschool, Year R, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3+

(See separate sheet for ideas for age appropriate gospel reflection and activities)

**Whole group back together:**

*Children stand*

**Creed:**

Catechist: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

**All: Yes, I believe**

Catechist: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

**All: Yes, I believe**

Catechist: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

**All: Yes, I believe**

**Intercessions:**

As brothers and sisters in one loving family, together let us pray to our heavenly Father:

We pray for Pope Francis and all our Priests; may God bless them in their ministries.  
Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer**

We pray for peace in our world; may the leaders of nations reach out in friendship to one another.  
Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer**

We pray for ourselves; that as Christ's followers we may continue to share his message of love with the whole world.  
Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer**

We pray for all those in need; may the power of God's healing love change their lives and fill them with hope and joy.  
Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer**

We pray for all who have died; may they rest in peace.  
Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer**

Loving Father, help us to follow Christ's call to love as he loves and to forgive as he forgives, so that the world will know that we are God's children. We make our prayers through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**