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## ***Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C***

***9<sup>th</sup> February 2025***

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Vestment Colour: Green

### **Preparation**

If possible, arrange candles, a crucifix and Gospel/Sunday Missal on a table.

### **Introduction**

Today we hear about the first disciples of Jesus. They left behind everything they had known to follow him.

**Make the Sign of the Cross** – a sign of the love God has for us. (This is optional, as we have already done this at the start of Holy Mass, but for young children it helps to demonstrate and practice how to do this correctly.)

Light the candles on the table next to the Lectionary. (An adult lights the candles).

### **Penitential Act**

Ask the children to think about how they have behaved in the past week. Ask them if they have always been kind and helpful to others, obedient to their parents/guardians, listened to their teachers etc.

Lead the children in singing the “Sorry Song”. (sung to tune of Frere Jacques)

We are sorry,  
Truly sorry,  
Heal us Lord,  
In Your love,  
Help us to do better,  
Help us to be kinder.  
Forgive us,  
Forgive us.

## Gloria

Choose a children's version of the Gloria from one of our listed Children's Liturgy Resource books, or you may have another Children's Liturgy resource. You will probably want to practice your chosen Gloria and use it every week so that everyone becomes familiar with it.

All stand to welcome the Gospel singing the **Gospel Acclamation**: (same tune as above)

Alleluia, Alleluia  
From now on,  
Jesus said.  
You will gather people,  
You will gather people,  
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Alternatively say:

**Alleluia, alleluia**  
Follow me, says the Lord,  
And I will make you fishers of men.  
**Alleluia**

## Gospel

Select the correct Gospel from the Children's Lectionary for Year C. Alternatively use the Gospel from the new EVS-CV Lectionary fifth Sunday in ordinary time Year C.

### Luke 5:1-11

**"A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke".**

Explain and demonstrate – make three crosses: one on your forehead, one **on** your lips and one on your heart (in this way we think God's word, speak God's word and keep God's word in our hearts) as we say together **"Glory to You, O Lord."**

Read the Gospel aloud to the children. At the end say: **"The Gospel of the Lord"**.

All reply: **"Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ"**.

Ask everyone to be seated.

## Lead a Discussion on the Gospel

- Jesus went away from the shore on Simon's boat. Why did he do this?

(Many people had arrived to hear Jesus. He went away from the shore so they could all see and hear Him). Ask the children about a time they've been in a large crowd or have tried hard to listen to something that is being said that they know is important.

- Jesus asked Simon to take the boat deep into the sea to fish. Why did Simon not think this was a good idea?

(He was doubtful that they would catch anything as they had been unsuccessful all night and they were very tired) Discuss with the children a time when they did not believe that something was going to happen and then it did.

- What happened when they did as Jesus asked and how did this make them feel?

(They were successful and caught many, many fish. Simon had to ask his friends James and John to help, as there were so many fish to load on to the boats that his nets were starting to break. They were all very happy and glad that they had trusted Jesus. They were beginning to realise how special he was).

- What happened when they returned to the shore?  
(Jesus asked the men to leave all they had and follow him. They did this and they became his disciples)
- Discuss with the children the things they can do to show they are also following Jesus as his disciples.

## Prayers of the Faithful (optional/ time dependent)

You may wish to prepare some of these yourselves or ask the children for their prayers. Here are some suggestions for today:

Lord Jesus,

Thank you for calling us to be your disciples. Help us to do what is right and grow in faith and love each day.

**Lord, in Your mercy.**

All reply: **"Hear our prayer."**

## Activity

If there is time, use resources to complete an activity with the children. Possible resources are listed at the end.

## Closing Prayer

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Now ask for volunteers for the Offertory Procession. After the procession, children return quietly to sit with their families in church.

## Useful Resources

CAFOD at <https://cafod.org.uk/Children-s-Liturgy>

Children's Liturgy with Emily: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HwnLJNMXemY>

Archdiocese of Dunkeld: <https://www.dunkelldiocese.co.uk/resources-for-children-liturgy/>

Search for page entitled 'Resources for Children's Liturgy'

The Liturgy of the Word with Children by Katie Thompson, publisher Kevin Mayhew