

## FAITH FORMATION 1-22-23

**This Week's Gospel: Matthew 4:12–23** The Gospel places the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Galilee, where he spent his time teaching, proclaiming God's Kingdom, and healing the sick. Galilee is situated between the Mediterranean Sea and the Sea of Galilee, and many people who lived there were fishermen. Jesus invited his new friends to leave their nets and follow him. He promised them that they would now be fishing for people instead of fish.

**Liturgy of the Word for Children:** Your child has learned to appreciate what it means to make friends. Make sure that your child has a clear understanding of ways he or she can be of help to friends and family members. Talk about how being a good friend and member of the family is a good way of following Jesus.

**Promise (Pre School, K and 1):** Your child explored Jesus' work of making friends and calling people together. Jesus calls all of us to make friends, too. Talk to your child about the importance of friends and the need for friendly, loving actions toward other people. Remind one another that such actions bond together the Christian community and the human family.

**Good News (Grades 2–3):** In class, your child learned a little about the geography of where Jesus grew up and lived. Ask your child to share the map and tell the family about how Jesus called people to follow him. Discuss times when family members have been called to do something or to be somewhere. What are some ways your family answers Jesus' call to follow him?

**Venture (Grades 4 and 5):** Your young person's class learned that Jesus began his mission in his home territory of Galilee. Invite your son or daughter to share some details about Galilee with the family. Talk about how Jesus called Peter, Andrew, James, and John to follow him. Why did these people drop everything to follow Jesus? Share how Jesus calls your family and how you try to follow him. Talk about ways you can help one another be better followers of Jesus.