

Holy Spirit uses the “Sunday Book of Readings, The Lectionary Adapted for Children” to share the Liturgical readings with our children. This week you will find our readings for reflection are from Year B.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word Reflection – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Readings:

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-11, 19 (*This is a reading from the first book of Samuel.*)

A long-time ago, in Jerusalem,
there lived a priest named Eli,
who was very old, and he was going blind.
A young boy named Samuel looked after him
and was ministering with him in the Temple.
Samuel’s ministry was to keep the Temple light burning.
One night, when Samuel was about to go to sleep,
God called his name,
“Samuel! Samuel!”
Samuel got up and ran to Eli and said,
“Here I am. You called me.”
But Eli said,
“I didn’t call you. Go back to sleep.”
So Samuel went to sleep. But God called to him again,
“Samuel! Samuel!”
Samuel went back to Eli and said,
“Here I am. You called me.”
Eli said,
“I didn’t call you. Go back to sleep.”
Now Samuel did not know that it was God calling him.
And when God called the third time,
“Samuel! Samuel!”
He again ran to Eli and said,
“Here I am. You called me.”
Then Eli understood that it was God who was calling Samuel.
So he said,
“Go back to sleep. And if someone calls you again, answer,
‘Speak to me, Lord, I am listening.’”
So Samuel went back to the Temple to go to sleep.
And again God called his name,
“Samuel! Samuel!”
He answered,

“Speak to me, Lord, I am listening!”
And God said to Samuel,
“I am about to do something
that will make the ears of everyone who hears it tingle.”
As Samuel grew up, God stayed very close to him and
made him a great leader of the people.

The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 40

Response: “Here I am, O my God, I come to do your will.”

Gospel Reading: John 1:35-42 (*This is a reading from the Gospel of John.*)

When John the Baptist was in Bethany
with two of his disciples, he saw Jesus walking by, and said,
“Look! There is the Lamb of God!”
The two disciples who were with John
heard what he said and began to follow Jesus.
When Jesus turned around and saw them following him,
he asked them,
“What do you want?”
They answered,
“Rabbi (this word means teacher), where do you live?”
Jesus said,
“Come and see!”
So they went with Jesus.
Now, it was about four o’clock in the afternoon
and so they stayed with him for the rest of that day.
One of the two who followed him was Andrew,
the brother of Simon Peter.
So the next morning, the first thing Andrew did
was find his brother Simon and tell him,
“We have found the Messiah!”
When Andrew brought Simon to Jesus,
Jesus looked at him and said,
“You are Simon, the son of John.
But from now on you will be called Peter.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Helping the Children to Reflect:

Ask the children what they heard today in the readings?

The second part of our Gospel reading today tells us how Andrew began to follow Jesus. We also hear of Andrew going to find his brother, Simon whom Jesus will call Peter, to come see the Messiah. Andrew brought his family to Jesus just as many did during this time. Families coming together to follow Jesus and be baptized together. In the church we come together as a family to help each other to know and follow Jesus. Who are the people who bring you closer to Jesus?

Reflection Activity:

Our family helps us to grow closer to Jesus. In our home's we may have items that help to remind us of our faith. Plan a family gathering to share your love for Jesus with one and other. Have each family member bring an item that reminds them of their faith. Examples: cross or crucifix, statue of Mary, a rosary, family bible, or a prayer rock. Share with each other why the item is special to you. How can you use these items in your daily lives to grow your family's faith?

**"Come and see, come and see. Come and follow Jesus.
He is the Messiah."**

Alleluia.

