



January 22, 2023, Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Matthew 4:12-23

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God with us, loosen our grip on our nets—the daily concerns and obligations which prevent us from hearing your wild and spontaneous call to action. So inspire and delight us that we might willingly drop everything to follow in your way, for the sake of the world. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." (Matthew 4:18-19)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus seemed to be quite confident in calling the disciples that he called. They likely had gifts Jesus could use to do God's work in the world.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Why do you think Jesus called local, working-class people to follow him? What are the advantages of calling people who know the community and the value of a hard day's work?
- For the littles: Jesus called fishers to be his followers. What would you like to do for a living when you grow up?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God call you into God's service. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Do some research to discover what industries your community most depends on. How might you support local businesses so that your community can thrive?



Go Deeper: Read and reflect on the readings for each day of the week.

Monday, Psalm 27:7-14; Judges 6:11-24; Ephesians 5:6-14

Tuesday, Psalm 27:7-14; Judges 7:12-22; Philippians 2:12-18

Wednesday, Psalm 27:7-14; Genesis 49:1-2, 8-13, 21-26; Luke 1:67-79

Thursday, Psalm 15; Deuteronomy 16:18-20; 1 Peter 3:8-12

Friday, Psalm 15; Deuteronomy 24:17-25:4; 1 Timothy 5:17-24

Saturday, Psalm 15; Micah 3:1-4; John 13:31-35