

Young Apprentices

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CATECHUMENATE SESSION: VOCATION

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**Creator God,
you know me
and you call me by name.**

**Open my mind, my ears,
and my heart
to hear your Word.**

**Like Samuel,
let me answer yes when you call.**

**Help me to do
what you are asking me to do.**

Amen.



Sunday Word

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 19

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

John 1: 35-42

The above readings are available at
usccb.org/bible/readings.

To Help You Remember



1. God calls each of us by name. We must listen for his voice.
2. Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. We are to glorify God in our bodies.
3. The disciples who turned to follow Jesus were excited by what they saw and heard, and invited others to come and see.

Key Teachings



A New Name

Simon received a new name from the Lord. Being renamed indicates that his life will take a new turn.

Filled with Faith

Our journey of faith begins with Baptism. We follow the Lord as his disciples, profess our faith through our words and actions, and celebrate our faith in prayer and liturgy.

A Unique Vocation

Each believer has a unique vocation in life—married life, single life, the priesthood, or religious life. In living out our vocations, we use our gifts and talents to build up God's kingdom.

Faith Words



faith

Faith is a gift and power from God inviting us to know and believe in him. It is also our free response to God's invitation.



vocation

Vocation is a special call from God to live a life of holiness in a particular way.

Faith-Filled People



Andrew the Apostle. Saint Andrew the Apostle was one of the first disciples of Jesus. Saint Andrew and his brother, Saint Peter, worked as fishermen. Jesus invited them to follow him and become fishers of men.

With My Family



We Listen

God is calling. In the First and Second Readings, God is calling Samuel. In the Gospel reading, Jesus is calling his disciples. God is calling us too. Sometimes we are like Samuel and do not recognize God's voice. At other times, we might be like Andrew or Simon Peter. Read the Gospel story again. Which character is most like you? Why?

We Believe

Every baptized Christian has a vocation, or a calling. And that includes children! A child's vocation is to be the best person that God created him or her to be, and to be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Over time, children will grow into their adult vocations: married life, single life, the priesthood, or life in a religious community.

We Live As Disciples

Think of someone at work, at school, on your team, or in your neighborhood who you could "bring to Jesus" like Andrew brought Simon to Jesus. You can bring people to Jesus by inviting them to Mass, by helping them at work or school, or just by being a true friend. As a family, discuss what each one of you will do this week.

We Pray

Memorize this short response from Psalm 40:
"Here I am Lord; I come to do your will."
 Make this your prayer throughout the week.