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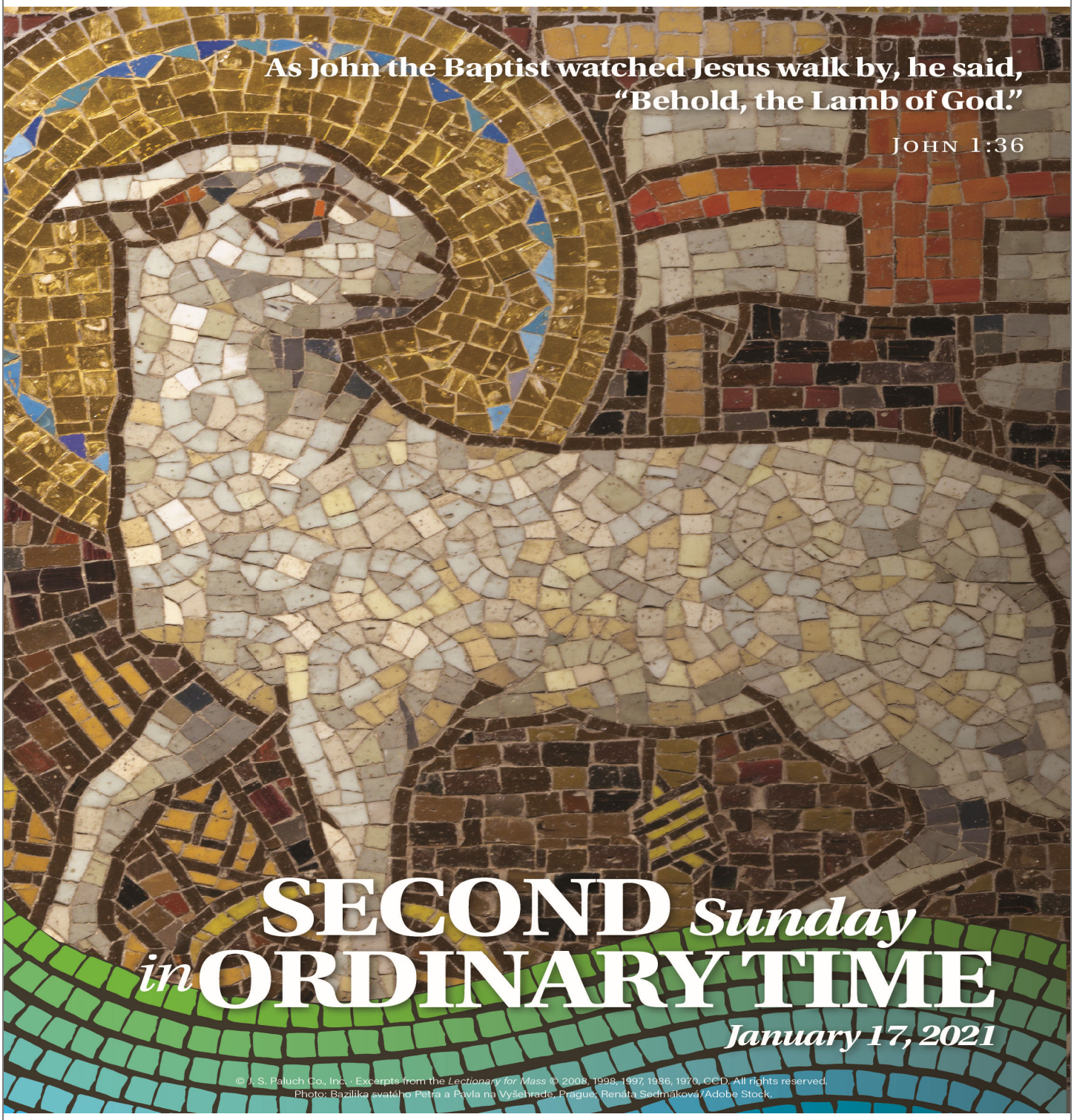

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: JANUARY 16
4:00 Paul DePinto, req. Gerry and Jean Frank
4:00 Michael O'Keeffe, req. Auntie Breeda

SUNDAY: JANUARY 17
7:30 For the People of St. Therese Parish
9:30 Frances Castorina, req. Mary Ann Comtois
9:30 Kelly Ann Dzirko, req. Mary Pasi
11:30 James and Ana Magnotta, req. Frank Magnotta
11:30 Hugh Cassidy, req. The Keegan Family

MONDAY: JANUARY 18
8:30 Maria Hroncic, req. Her husband, Mario
8:30 Christine Dineen, req. The Foley Family

TUESDAY: JANUARY 19
8:30 Donncha O'Hare, req. The Keegan Family
8:30 Jamie Keane, req. Maureen Graham

WEDNESDAY: JANUARY 20
8:30 Roseann Vetter, req. Patricia Conaty
8:30 Frank Edward Pannone, req. Peter and Belinda DeVries

THURSDAY: JANUARY 21
8:30 Domenica Hroncick, req. Maria and Branko Badurina
8:30 Mary O'Keeffe, req. Her sister, Breeda

FRIDAY: JANUARY 22
8:30 Carol Kraeuter, req. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hudick
8:30 Laura DeBenedetto, req. Peter and Belinda DeVries

SATURDAY: JANUARY 23
4:00 Josephine Alessandro, req. Marlene and Paul Lynch
4:00 Matthew Murtagh, req. John Fitzpatrick

SUNDAY: JANUARY 24
7:30 Bob Creagh, req. The Callahan Family
7:30 Philomena Devereaux, req. Kay and Bob Merritts
9:30 For the People of St. Therese Parish
11:30 George Postolakis, req. His wife, Madeline
11:30 Elias, Louise and Freddy Constant, req. Layla Bokil

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Danny Angelucci
Richard C. Barretta
Allison Bussa
Baby Everett Bussa
Matthew Bussa
Anne Diggins
Janet De Felice
Kathy Foley
Mary Foley
Kyle Geran
Pat Geran
Michelle Guerra
Edward Harthorn
Sr. Judith Hebert, D.O.C.
Louie Hebert
Joan Henry
Arian Hila
Jeremiah Kissane
Gloria Kovach
Mike Loiacono
Patti Mazzo
Brianna Medeiros
Jeff Meeks
Ed Naso
Mary Ann Naso
Joanne Nicastro
Judy Porcaro
Nancy Porcaro
Bob Prince, Jr.
Quinn Rosa
Cayden Tansey
Vincent Tripodi
Catherine Ulshoefer
Amanda Wilson

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

As a family, we pray for our parishioners and their relatives who are currently on active duty in the military.

Austin Cardo	U.S. Army
Gavin John	U.S. Marines
Matt John	U.S. Marines
Mario Medina	U.S. Marines
Andy Naso	U.S. Army
Christopher D. Smith	U.S. Army

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily	8:30AM	
Saturday	4:00 PM	
Sunday	7:30AM 9:30AM 11:30AM	
Holy Days	7:30 PM 8:30AM 12:00 PM	Vigil

Reconciliation
Saturday
2 - 2:30 PM

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

Pastor
Fr. Samuel Citero, O. Carm.
Parochial Vicar
Fr. Brian Henden, O. Carm.
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Rev. Mr. Anthony Porcaro, T. O. Carm.
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Intern
Br. Benito Martinez Dominguez, O. Carm.
Director of Religious Education
Mrs. Lois Pagnozzi
Youth Minister
Izzy Aytona
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Ms. Sharon Rabbitt
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Mrs. Joan Hebert
Mr. Donald Wuertz

REST IN PEACE

We pray for our loved ones who have died. We pray for all those in our country and around the world who have died from COVID-19. We also remember all those serving in the military and all our first responders who have died this week.

May they be at peace with God.

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS

Everyone is welcome to our
Inclusive Family Mass.

This mass is adapted for individuals with special needs and gifts, their families and friends.

Today, January 17th at 1:30PM

Virtual Lectio Divina Resumes Thursday, January 28th

Come join us for weekly, virtual Lectio Divina Thursdays from 7:00 - 8:00PM.

Lectio Divina is a form of prayer in which we can learn to become more aware of the presence of God in everyone and everything. It is an ancient practice of reflection and sharing on the scriptures.

To register and receive the virtual ZOOM invite, please email Gina Marie at gloiacono@sttheresecresskill.org

PRAYER TO OVERCOME RACISM

Mary, friend and mother to all, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other.
We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another.
We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society.
We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person.
Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us.
Amen.

*"The end of life is not to be happy,
nor to achieve pleasure and avoid pain,
but to do the will of God, come what may."*

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

the 2021 Annual Appeal
Catholic Stewardship *in* Action

This weekend kicks off the 2021 Annual Appeal. Last year, thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our parishioners, St. Therese was one of 40 parishes that exceeded our goal. We then received a rebate that we were able to add to our coffers which have been hard hit by the pandemic.

The 2021 Annual Appeal will fund essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission in our four counties – namely to proclaim the gospel, to pass on the faith to future generations, particularly through the celebration of the sacraments, and to care of the poor and those on the margins. Now more than ever, especially during this health crisis, our ministries and programs need your support.

Will you prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal?

Thank you for your generosity during the covid crisis. We realize that many people are financially affected with lost jobs and declining income and still continue to support the parish.
In order to minimize the handling of mail, if you have donations for multiple weeks, we ask that you please consolidate them and use one check and one donation envelope. If you are using the mail back envelopes provided in your monthly packet, it would be helpful to our counters if you would provide your parishioner number on the front of the mailing envelope.
Thank you.

The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, January 18th in honor of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

DINNER PROGRAM TO FEED THE HOMELESS

Please visit www.sttheresecresskill.org for more details plus the list of Food/Items needed and to sign up!

Friday January 29, 2021
Drop Off 8AM-2PM
Outside the doors of the Church

*For was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink…*

Matthew 25:35

Food for Families

Parish Wide Canned Food Drive

The St. Therese Knights of Columbus Council 7647

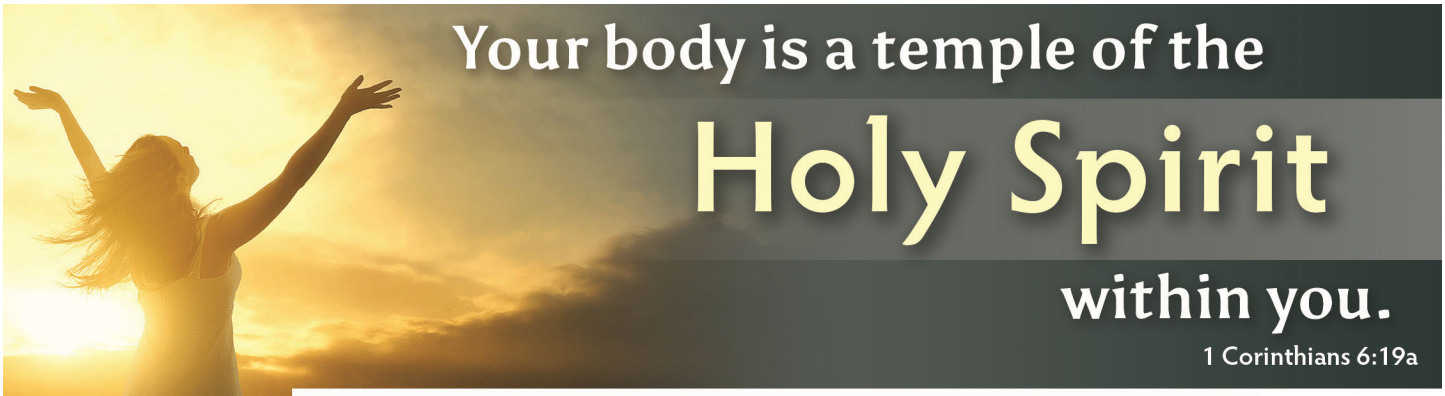
has partnered with The Office of Concern in collecting canned food goods for families in need.

Saturday January 23rd 3pm to 5pm and Sunday January 24th 7am to 1pm

Members of the Knights will be outside the church to collect to your canned food donations

Share what you **CAN** and help make a difference in the lives of the many families affected by the pandemic!

*Canned Vegetables *Canned Beans *Canned Fruit *Canned Meat (Chicken, Ham, Tuna)
*Canned Chili *Canned Soup *Canned Pasta



Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.

1 Corinthians 6:19a

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 17, 2021

GOD'S CALL

The stories of the call of Samuel and of the first disciples in John's Gospel help us begin to understand the nature of God's call. It is not a work order from a distant God to carry out a specific task, but an invitation to participate in what God is already doing. The journey begins with God's intentions and activity. After the initial moment of call, God is shown to be actively leading these ordinary people to partner in God's work. For ourselves, we might not experience a single or dramatic moment of call. God's call can take many forms. But like Samuel, and like Jesus' disciples, we are invited into a relationship of trust and friendship with God. We too are invited to employ the gifts God has given us, always in dialogue with our God, in our daily lives.

OUR DEEPEST DESIRES

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' first spoken words in the Gospel of John: "What are you looking for?" This penetrating question reverberates throughout John's Gospel. The disciples who form Jesus' first community, and many others who meet Jesus during his life, are drawn to him, seeking something they can't quite name. As Jesus called and formed his community of disciples, he probed their hearts and allowed them to probe his heart. They shared their deepest needs, hopes, and commitments.

Jesus' words might be directed to us, here and now. Sometimes we struggle to name what we really want. In our faith journey, in prayer and in lived experience, we learn to share our dreams and also to open our hearts to know God's dreams. In time, with lots of practice, with many successes and failures, we learn to trust God to shape and to fulfill our deepest desires.

YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING

We hear of young Samuel today, dedicated to a life of service to God, under the guidance of Eli, a Temple priest. Twice, Samuel hears the call of God and says "Here I am" to Eli. At last Eli recognizes that it is God who is calling Samuel. When Samuel hears God a third time, Samuel does not say "Here I am," but "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." We can see a subtle shift as Samuel moves away from announcing his intention to serve and more clearly opens himself to God's voice. Samuel allows God to take the initiative, and attends first to God's intentions rather than his own.

Samuel's story helps us to remember that accepting God's call is not only about a new chapter in our personal story. Our acceptance is, more profoundly, a new moment in God's story. Even in our smallest "yes," God celebrates our partnership in God's great work. Through our openness and acceptance, God has new opportunities to bring all of us into loving unity with God.

TODAY'S READINGS

1 Samuel 3:3b–10, 19
Psalm 40:2, 4, 7–8a, 8b–9, 10
1 Corinthians 6:13c–15a, 17–20
John 1:35–42

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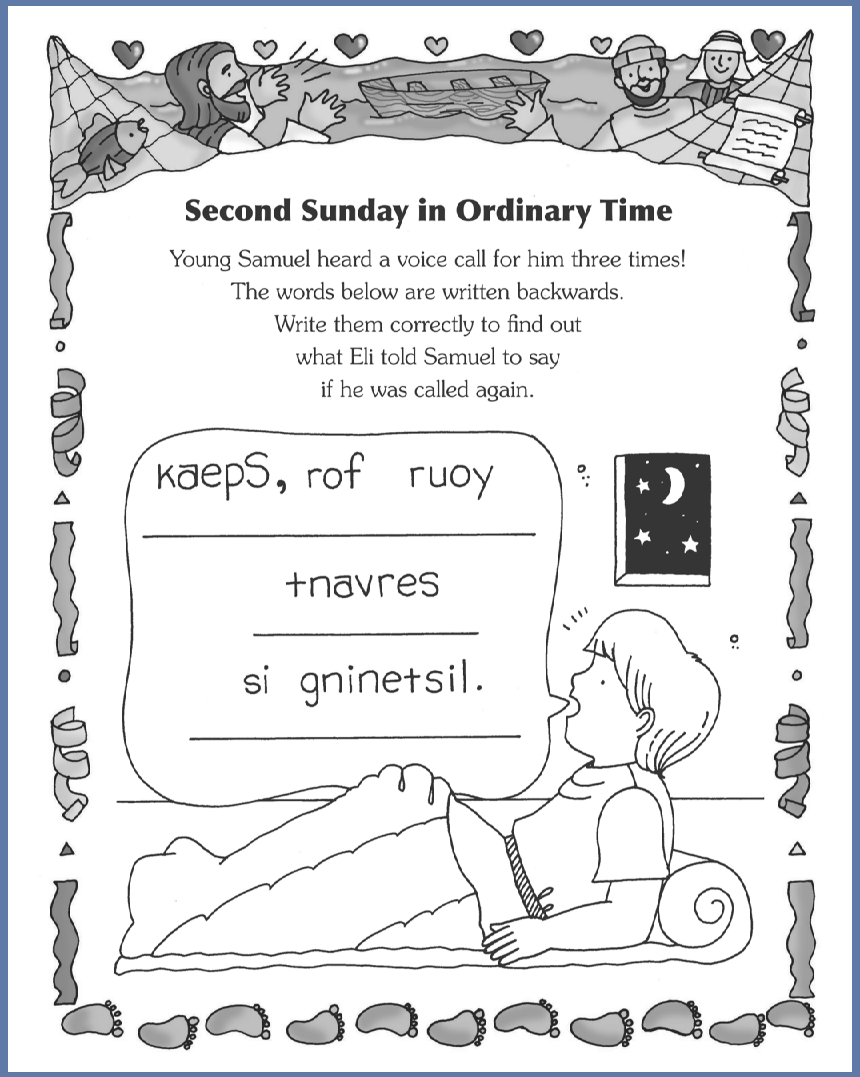
God's Word For Children



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Young Samuel heard a voice call for him three times!
The words below are written backwards.
Write them correctly to find out
what Eli told Samuel to say
if he was called again.

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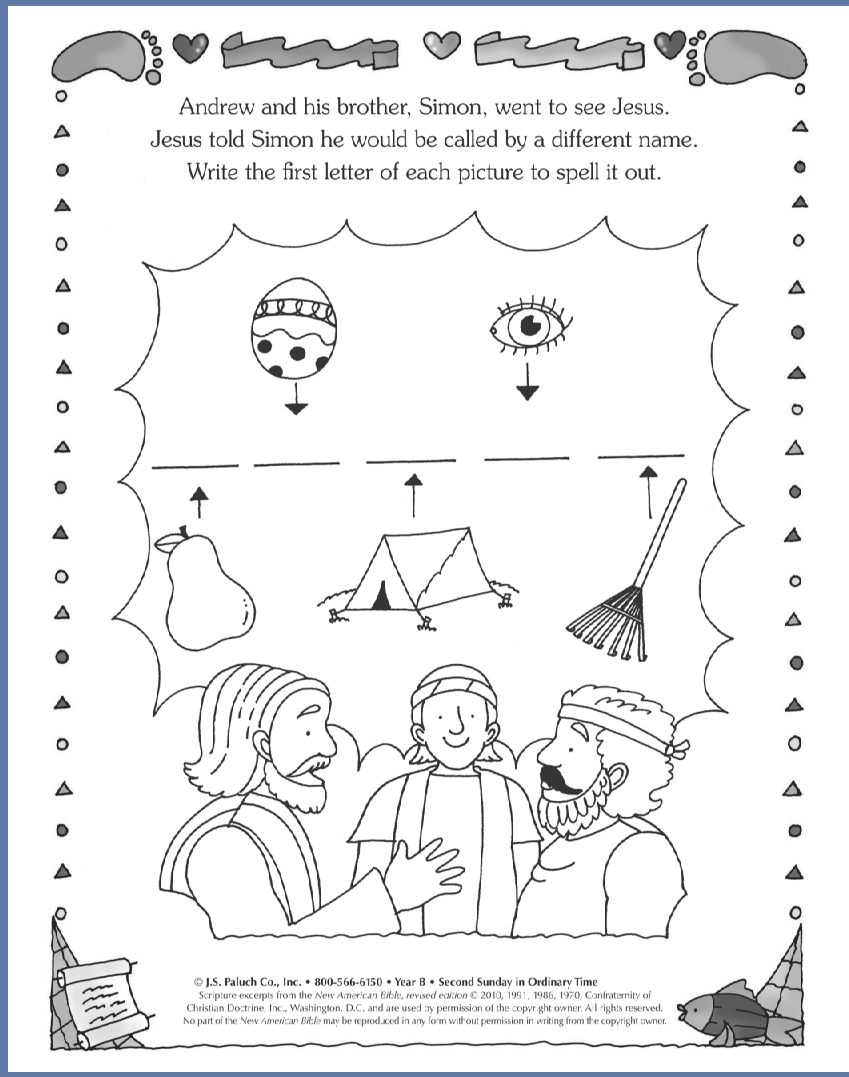

Andrew and his brother, Simon, went to see Jesus.
Jesus told Simon he would be called by a different name.
Write the first letter of each picture to spell it out.

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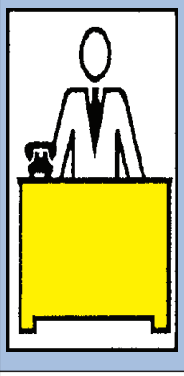

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