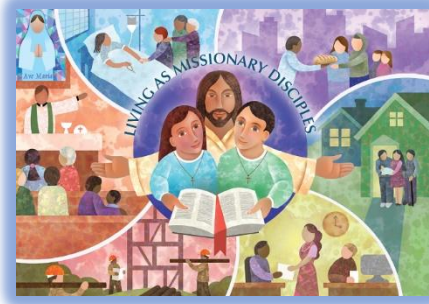


St. Laurence Catholic Parish  
Kindergarten Faith Formation  
Week 17 Lesson Plan



## Unit 4 – How are we called to become missionary disciples of Jesus Christ?

### EQ #1: *Why does Jesus want me to help others? (Part 1)*

#### CATECHIST PREPARATION

##### *To prepare for this week's lesson:*

- Prepare your adult heart and mind by watching one of the following videos ahead of the lesson: [WHAT IS A MISSIONARY DISCIPLE?](#), [WHY BE A MISSIONARY DISCIPLE?](#) or [LIVING AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES](#) and by reading the article at [GOD CALLS, WE RESPOND](#). You may also enjoy reviewing the many passages regarding the call to discipleship in the [SCRIPTURE FOR DISCERNMENT](#) found throughout God's Word.

As we begin our final unit for the faith formation year, we will explore: *How are we called to be missionary disciples of Jesus Christ?* As baptized members of the Church, every Catholic Christian has a mission or calling to share the *Good News* of Jesus Christ, no matter what their age or station of life might be. Our lives should bear witness to our relationships with Jesus Christ.

As Pope Francis explains in *The Joy of the Gospel*,

*"Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are "disciples" and "missionaries," but rather that we are always "missionary disciples."*

Throughout this final Unit, we will explore why and how we are called to that missionary discipleship by learning how God particularly calls each one of us to serve. Although we assemble weekly at St. Laurence to profess our faith in and allegiance to Jesus Christ, we are members of the Universal or worldwide Church. Together, the Church is called to help bring about God's Kingdom here on earth as we love and serve one another and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and his gift of Salvation for all. We are all called to lives of holiness as we strive to join the Saints (and saints) in Heaven one day.



## **GUIDED PLAY to the SACRED (GPS)**

Children learn through play. *Guided Play to the Sacred (GPS)* is a mode of play guided by the catechist to lead children to the Sacred, to God. Many of our kindergarteners and some older children are not reading ready. *Call to Faith* textbook and *Guided Play to the Sacred (GPS)* together are the core of the weekly lesson. This is the compass that guides the lesson in a way in which the children can interact. Further activities such as videos, coloring sheet, crafts and more can also be included in the lesson.

Today's lesson will convey **Call to Faith, Chapter 9: You Follow Jesus (p.81–84)**. As Catechist, your role is to help children understand the weekly lesson. You can convey the content of the *Call to Faith* textbook in a variety of creative ways that are appropriate and effective for your learners.

- Share today's Essential Question: *Why does Jesus want me to help others?*
- Read *Follow the Leader (Call to Faith p.81)*. Ask questions:
  - *What were some things your class leader did?*
- Read *Jesus the Leader* and complete the activity (*Call to Faith p. 82*). Ask questions:
  - What are followers of Jesus called?
  - Christians are called to share stories of whom with other people?
  - How can we show God's love to others?
  - What gifts can we share with others?
  - Who gave us these gifts?
- Read *Following Jesus (Call to Faith p.83)*.
- Begin *Guided Play to the Sacred (GPS)*. Use the *Galilean Boat Playset* to tell the stories.
- Read the story "*Jesus and His Friends*," (see reverse side of the playset instructions), and place the figures in the boat as the group of Jesus' followers grows.
- Discuss the story with the children. Ask questions and invite them to share their thoughts.
- Read the story a second time. Invite the children to participate by placing the figures in the boat. Guide them in this activity as you read the story.
- Read "*Jesus' Followers*" on pg. 84 in the textbook and complete the activity (*Call to Faith, p 84*).
- Next, read the story "*The Boat in the Storm*," (see reverse side of the playset instructions) and place the figures in the boat.
- After reading the story, discuss it with the children. Ask questions and invite them to share their thoughts.
- Read the story a second time. Invite the children to participate by placing the figures in the boat. Guide them in this activity as you read the story.

At the end of the session, put the playset away. It is to be used during guided sessions only.



[PLATE LISTENING EARS](#), [FISHERS OF MEN CRAFT STICK](#), [12 DISCIPLES EGGS](#), [SAMUEL FOLLOWED GOD CRAFT](#), [LISTENING EARS](#)

- **Activities/Games:** [GOD CALLS EACH OF US BY NAME WORKSHEET](#), [I WILL LISTEN AND ANSWER GOD WORKSHEET](#), [JESUS CALLS EACH PERSON IN A SPECIAL WAY COLORING PAGE](#),



## LEARNING TARGETS FOR THIS LESSON

*Learners will understand that:*

### *Key Targets*

- Jesus invites all people to follow him. (CCC#542-543; 849; 851; 868; 2063)
- Christians are called to talk about Jesus with other people. (CCC#831; 849-852; 868)
- People show God’s love by helping others in need. (CCC#1932; 1939-41; 1948)
- A Christian family helps others in need. (CCC#2208; 2452; 2459; 2462)
- All people have gifts from God to share with others. (CCC#1932; 2319)



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