

Family Faith at Home



Make Sunday Come Alive All Week!

The Department of Youth Faith Formation wants to help you and your whole family explore God's Word in your lives. Each week we will be sending out this resource which can help you reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings with your entire family.

Here are some ideas on how to use this resource:

- Consider reading one of the mass readings each evening.
- Do the discussion questions after dinner one night.
- Watch the video on a different night.
- Pray the prayer each evening.



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings:

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

[Readings can also be found at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.](#)

Discuss

1. Have you ever heard God speaking to your heart? What did He say?
2. Both Samuel and the disciples were ready to respond when they encountered God. How can you prepare your heart to respond to God's promptings?
3. In today's readings, the response to God's call is not just to do something, but to enter into a relationship and friendship with God. What does your relationship with God look like?

- a. In what ways is it similar to your other friendships and relationships?
- b. In what ways is it different?

Share

The life of a Christian is not just about checking prayers and sacrifices off a list when we do them. It's about growing in friendship with God. In the beginning of the book of Genesis, we hear that before the Fall, Adam and Eve walked with God in the garden of Eden. After the Fall, that friendship was broken. Ever since then, throughout salvation history, God has been trying to restore that friendship with mankind and with each of us individually. In friendship, we want to spend time with each other and want to avoid hurting each other. When we do hurt each other, we want to reconcile and repair that friendship. God has given us so many amazing opportunities and ways to grow in our friendship with Him. He wants to rejoice in your unique personality and love you. How will you choose this week to share your heart with God and become the fullness of the person He created you to be? When you share your heart with Him, you will hear His voice and His call.

Watch

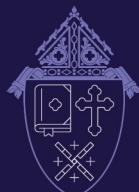
For families with small children, [watch this video](#).
For families with older children, [watch this video](#).

Pray

Lord, you called to Samuel and he heard your voice. Moses encountered you in the burning bush. The disciples and apostles walked with you and learned from you for three years. Mary and Joseph made a home with you in Nazareth. Teach me to hear your words like they did. Open my heart to know you and come be my friend today and everyday. Amen.

Do

Have each member of the family write a list of what they like to do with their best friend and what they like to talk to them about. Then write a list of what you want God to know about you and what you wish you could talk to him about. Ask each member of the family if they would be willing to share one thing from each list. (Alternative: if you have creative minds in your family, have them draw or create an image/music/something else creative that speaks to this idea of friendship with God.)



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