The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry  
(Lower Elementary)

January 24, 2021 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Overview

In this week’s Gospel passage, Jesus begins His Galilean ministry by calling the first Apostles. These men leave their old lives behind and immediately follow Christ. In this lesson, students will compare two images of sacred art and reflect on Jesus’ call to the first Apostles.

Directions

A. Read the Gospel passage aloud to your students as they follow along. Then discuss the focus and reflection questions with them as a class.
B. Have your students complete the Fishers of Men code break activity.
C. When they are finished, have your students draw a picture of Jesus calling Simon and Andrew as they cast their fishing nets. Then, have them answer the reflection question.

Answer Key

Focus Questions

1. Galilee.
2. Simon (Peter) and his brother Andrew, who were fishermen. Jesus said He would make them “fishers of men.”
3. They all immediately left what they were doing and followed Him.

Code Break
Repent and believe