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∴CALL OF THE FIRST DISCIPLES∴



# The Children's Word

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

Sunday, June 21, 2020

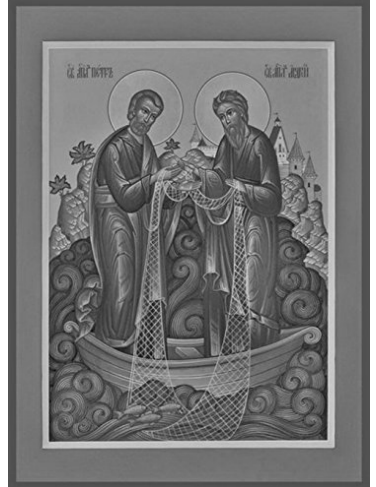
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## The buddy system

**Have you ever used the buddy system?** Sure, you have! Maybe a teacher or a camp counselor sent you off with a friend to do some task. Or maybe your parents told you and a sibling to work on something together. When you have a buddy with you, you might feel safer and stronger.



In today's Gospel reading, we hear how Jesus called His first disciples. First, He saw Peter and Andrew fishing in the sea. Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Jesus called them, and they followed Him. Later, He saw two other brothers, James and John, and Jesus called them too. We know that these two sets of brothers (who were buddies too!) worked together to help the Lord. They followed Him even after Jesus had left for heaven! They used the buddy system for good.

When we are together with a buddy—a brother or a sister or a friend—we can choose to do the right thing together or the wrong thing together. We can do what our parents told us to do, and we can go where our teacher or camp counselor told us to go. Or...we can't. Let's choose to use the buddy system to help each other do the right thing. Let's remember these two sets of buddies in the Gospel today. They helped each other help God. And they helped God build up the Church! They worked together to do great things!

# WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- BUDDY
- DISCIPLES
- FOLLOW ME
- GOSPEL
- HOSPITABLE
- MEDICINE
- POOR
- PRIEST
- SAMPSON

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# What's in an icon?

What can you guess about Saint Sampson when you look at an icon of him?

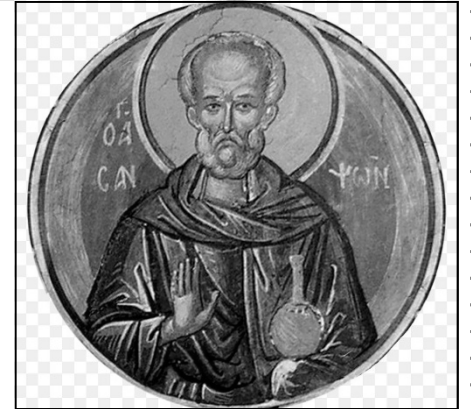
He is wearing priest vestments, and he is blessing us.

He is holding a jar of medicine.



# SAINT SAMPSON THE HOSPITABLE

**Have you ever had somebody** stay the night at your house? Your family probably made sure his room was clean and that you had breakfast ready for him. You probably made things comfortable so he could sleep well.



Now...have you ever done that for a stranger? Saint Sampson sure did.

Sampson lived 1,500 years ago. He came from a wealthy family and he studied to be a doctor. Sampson felt sorry for the poor people in the city, who had nobody to care for them. He decided to open up his house to be a sort of hospital for them. He gave them a free place to eat and sleep, and he helped them with medical care.

Once, the Emperor Justinian even sent for Sampson because he was very sick. Saint Sampson was able to heal him, using his medical talents and his faith in God. When the emperor was better, he started a great hospital in Constantinople to help the poor. He did this to thank Sampson.



People all over the world pray to Saint Sampson for his help. In Saint Petersburg, Russia, which is thousands of miles away, there is a cathedral named after Saint Sampson.

We celebrate Saint Sampson on Sat., June 27th (OC: July 10).