SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

MYOCN PEW PALS



First Sunday of Luke

In the Epistle, St. Paul tells us that now is the time to follow God. He says we may face hard times—like hunger, sadness, or trouble—but God gives us the strength to keep going with patience, kindness, and love.

In the Gospel, Jesus is teaching by the water when He sees some fishermen, including Simon Peter, washing their empty nets. They had worked all night but caught nothing. Jesus asks Peter to let Him use his boat to teach the people, and then tells him to try fishing again.

Even though Peter was tired and unsure, he said: "At Your word, I will let down the nets." When they did, they caught so many fish the nets were breaking! Peter was amazed and felt unworthy, but Jesus said: "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch people." Peter and the other fishermen left their nets immediately and followed Jesus.

- God calls us to follow Him today, not "someday."
- Sometimes we may not understand why God asks something, but we can trust Him.
- When we listen and obey-like Peter-God can do amazing things in our lives.

Family Homework

Family Fishing Game: Use a toy fishing game or make paper fish with Bible verses. As children "catch" a fish, read the verse and talk about how to follow Jesus in daily life.

Quick Response Challenge: As a family, practice saying "Yes, Lord!" when someone calls for help, to remember how Peter answered Jesus without delay.

Memory Verse

"Now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." - 2 Corinthians 6:2





CRAFT - Woven Fishing Net

MATERIALS:

- Construction paper or cardstock (two or more colors work best)
- Scissors
- Ruler (to measure strips)
- Pencil
- Glue stick or tape

• Prepare the Base:



Choose one sheet of construction paper for the base. Using a ruler, lightly draw straight horizontal lines about 1 inch apart from top to bottom, but stop 1 inch before the edge on each side to create a "frame." Cut along the lines to make slits—these are the loom

• Cut the Strips:

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 Use a different colored paper to cut long strips about 1 inch wide. Cut enough strips to weave across the base (around 6-8 strips).

• Start Weaving:

 Take one paper strip and weave it over and under the slits of the base. Slide it to the top edge. Take the next strip and weave it the opposite pattern (under, over, under, over). Continue alternating until the whole sheet is filled.

• Secure the Edges:

 Push the strips close together so the weaving is tight. Glue or tape the ends of each strip to the base frame to keep them from slipping.

• Shape Your Net / Basket

 To turn the woven mat into a shallow net/basket, gently fold up all four sides and tape or glue the corners together.

"As we weave the strips together, think about how God weaves our lives with love, kindness, and faith. When we put them together, they create something strong and beautiful, just like the net the disciples used to gather fish."

DISCUSSION PROMPT

"When was a time you did something kind or brave even though you didn't feel ready? How can we say 'yes' to Jesus in our lives this week?"

SAINT STORIES

ROMANOS THE MELODIST

Saint Romanos lived in the city of Constantinople (today called Istanbul) during the 500s. He worked as a deacon in the Church, which meant he helped during services, read prayers, and cared for the people. Romanos loved God very much, but he wasn't known as a good singer at first!

One night, while Romanos was praying before the icon of the Theotokos (the Mother of God), he had a dream. The Virgin Mary gave him a scroll and told him to eat it. When he awoke, he went to church for the Christmas service and was suddenly able to sing beautifully! He sang his very first hymn, the famous Kontakion of the Nativity, beginning with the words: "Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One..." Everyone was amazed. From that day, Romanos wrote and sang hundreds of hymns about the life of Christ, the Theotokos, and the saints. Use your talents for God. Romanos didn't use his new voice for fame-he used it to help people pray and love Jesus.

Commemorated October 1st