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MYOCN PEW PALS



Andrew, the First Called Apostle

A disciple is someone who follows Jesus, learns from Him, and tries to live the way He teaches. In the Bible, Jesus called His first disciples—Peter, Andrew, James, John, Matthew, and others—by saying two simple but powerful words: **“Follow Me.”**

They didn’t ask a million questions. They didn’t hesitate. They left what they were doing and chose to follow Jesus with their whole hearts. Being a disciple doesn’t mean we have to be perfect—it means we stay close to Jesus through prayer, love others the way He loves them, and try to walk in His footsteps.

Imagine your favorite teacher says, “Come with me! I’m going to show you something amazing!” You would want to follow, trust, and learn from them. Discipleship is like that—but even better. Being a disciple means:

- Learning from Jesus
- Listening to Him
- Choosing kindness even when it’s hard
- Praying and talking to Him
- Helping others the way He did
- Trusting Him when things are confusing or scary



Discipleship = following Jesus with your heart, your choices, and your life.

Family Homework

Discipleship Journal: write or draw one way you followed Jesus that day.

Gratitude Walk: Take a family walk and try to name things you see that remind you of God’s goodness.

Memory Verse

**“Come, follow Me.”
— Matthew 4:19**

Craft – St. Andrew’s X Shaped Cross

Materials:

- Popsicle sticks (2 per child)
- Glue
- Paint or markers
- Optional: gold glitter, sticker gems
- Small cardstock label



Instructions:

1. Glue two popsicle sticks into an X-shape, like Saint Andrew’s cross.
2. Paint or color the cross.
3. Decorate with gems, small dots, or glitter.
4. Add a small label:
5. “Saint Andrew the First-Called – November 30”
6. Add a string to hang in a window or icon corner.

The X-shaped cross is Saint Andrew’s symbol and helps children remember the way he followed Christ bravely to the very end.

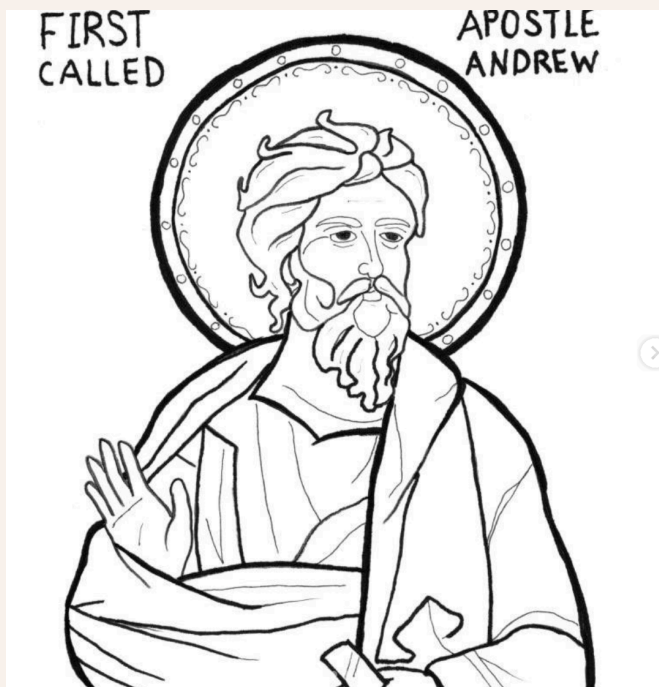


Table Discussion

“What is one blessing God has given you this year that you are especially thankful for? How can we show our gratitude to God as a family?”

Saint Spotlight

SAINT ANDREW THE FIRST CALLED

Saint Andrew was one of the very first people to follow Jesus—this is why we call him **“the First-Called.”** He was born in Bethsaida and worked as a fisherman with his brother Peter. The day Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee and said: **“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”** Andrew didn’t hesitate. He left his fishing nets and followed Jesus immediately!

As a disciple and later an apostle, Saint Andrew traveled far to preach the Good News. He taught people about Jesus, healed the sick, and encouraged many to believe in the Lord. He became known as a gentle, humble, and brave apostle.

Saint Andrew eventually gave his life for Christ. Tradition says he was martyred on an X-shaped cross, a symbol we now call Saint Andrew’s Cross.

Commemorated November 30