

# **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD.**

**24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021.**

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.**

**LECTIONARY YEAR B.**

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING: JONAH 3: 1-5 -10**

**PSALM 24:**

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING: CORINTHIANS 7: 29-31**

**GOSPEL- MARK 1: 14-20**

## **PRAYER SPACE.**

**Dear Parents/Guardians:**

**Set a table, with green tablecloth, Bible,{ preferably a Children's Bible}, candle. Share with your children the above Readings, Psalm and Gospel.**

## **FAMILY PRAYER:**

**Dear Jesus, help us to be true followers of yours and guide us in your ways. AMEN.**

## **THE 5 FINGER PRAYER.**

**Pope Frances created the Five Finger prayer when he was the Archbishop in Argentina. He developed the prayer method using fingers which are useful in helping us to remember prayer points. It is ideal for children who are learning to pray.**

**Finger 1: The thumb helps begin the prayer, and it also happens to be the closest finger to our body. Those closest to you, your family.**

**Finger 2: The Index finger { or Pointer} Those that direct you in the right way [ teachers, doctors, and priests]**

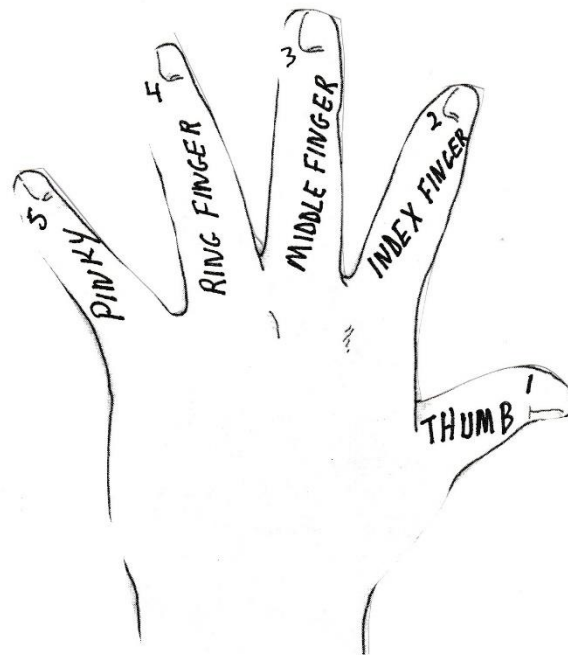
**Finger 3: The Middle finger is the tallest. It reminds us of leaders, governments and those who have Authority. They need God's guidance.**

**Finger 4: The fourth finger is the ring finger. It is our weakest finger. It reminds us to pray for the sick the poor, those that are in trouble. They need your prayers.**

**Finger 5: The fifth finger is the smallest finger[ Pinkie]  
Pray for ourselves and our needs.**

## THE FIVE FINGER PRAYER.

Write your own prayers.



### Pray # 1 Thumb [for your family]

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**Pray# 2 Index finger for [pointer] for  
teachers, doctors, priests.**

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**Pray# 3 Middle finger for Government.**

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**Pray# 4 Ring finger for the sick, in trouble,  
poor.**

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**Pray# 5 Small finger[pinkie] Pray for  
ourselves.....**

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## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

[When we are unable to receive Holy Communion]

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

At The Last Supper, just before He died, Jesus blessed [consecrated] bread and wine so that they become His Body and Blood. Jesus knew that we needed His help to follow Him. In His mercy He gave us this food to help us grow closer to Him. It gives us strength to bring love and hope to all we meet.





## FAMILY GAME

### FOLLOW THE LEADER

THEME--- FOLLOWING JESUS.

When we follow Jesus and do what He did we please Him.

Today's scripture sounds like following the leader.

Jesus calls Simon and his brother Andrew, James and John which were fisherman to follow Him, and He will teach them how to bring men to God. They left their nets and followed Him. It is also a message from Jesus also for us to go and make disciples for people and to help them go fishing for people [ bring men to God ] and to help someone else to come to know Jesus and become one of His followers. When we read stories about Jesus from the bible, then we can learn to help others to come and learn and to know about Jesus and what He did by helping and caring and loving people then we become to be like Him followers of Him, then others can see the loving and caring way we live, and they too can come to be followers of Jesus and that's what makes a disciple.

Follow the leader is a very popular game, played by children all over the world.

The rules of playing the game are very simple.

Members of the family form a circle, one is chosen to stand in the middle to be the leader of the game, where they will follow the leader actions [e.g] form hands in

prayer, raise hands high, touch your shoulders etc. Follow the leader as best you can.

After allowing each member of the family to have a turn being a leader have a discussion with your children.

1: How does it feel to be a leader?

2: How does it feel to be a follower?

3: How can we be followers of Jesus?

4: How can we make disciples?

God places in our lives people that lead and guide us in the right direction such as parents, teachers, priests.

Jesus chose twelve men altogether to be His disciples.

He sent them out to tell others the good news about the kingdom of God.

#### THE NAMES OF THE TWELVE DISCIPLES.

SIMON[called Peter]      JAMES      JOHN      ANDREW

PHILIP      BARTHOLOMEW      MATTHEW      THOMAS

JAMES      THADDAEUS      SIMON      JUDAS ISCARIOT.

