

## Acts of Worship

**Virtue:** Perseverance, Resilience

Virtue to live by:

*I will not give up. I will have faith and hope, even when things are difficult.*

### Week 2

#### Gathering together

Focal point:

White/gold cloth

Candle

Risen Christ crucifix

Fishing net, Fish template for children to take back to class

Gather song/ reflective music on entrance

#### Word

Luke 5:1-11

1 One day Jesus was standing on the shore of Lake Gennesaret while the people pushed their way up to him to listen to the word of God. 2 He saw two boats pulled up on the beach; the fishermen had left them and were washing the nets. 3 Jesus got into one of the boats—it belonged to Simon—and asked him to push off a little from the shore. Jesus sat in the boat and taught the crowd.

4 When he finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Push the boat out further to the deep water, and you and your partners let down your nets for a catch."

5 "Master," Simon answered, "we worked hard all night long and caught nothing. But if you say so, I will let down the nets." 6 They let them down and caught such a large number of fish that the nets were about to break. 7 So they motioned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats so full of fish that the boats were about to sink. 8 When Simon Peter saw what had happened, he fell on his knees before Jesus and said, "Go away from me, Lord! I am a sinful man!"

9 He and the others with him were all amazed at the large number of fish they had caught. 10 The same was true of Simon's partners, James and John, the

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sons of Zebedee. Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will be catching people."

11 They pulled the boats up on the beach, left everything, and followed Jesus.  
The Gospel of the Lord...

### Response to/reflection on the Word

In this Gospel story, the disciples are feeling tired and dispirited because they had been fishing all night with no reward. The Holy Spirit gave them the strength to persevere in order to achieve their reward which was a net full of fish.

*Reflection: Think of a time when you were fed up and it was difficult to carry on. How did you feel? What gave you the strength to keep going? The disciples showed faith and perseverance and were rewarded. How can you show this in your every day life this week? In your work? Relationships? Faith?*

Let us now say the prayer Jesus taught us and ask God to give us strength to persevere when we face challenges.

### Going forth

Each class to take a fish template back to class to use to write their own prayer to our Blessed Lord to help us to show perseverance in our lives.

Ideas for music:

Be bold, be strong

Father I place into Your hands

One more step along the world I go

Lord of all hopefulness