Follow Jesus

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus asks some people to leave everything behind and follow Him. God is actually asking all of us to follow Him! Does that mean that we have to start wandering from town to town preaching? No! It means that we should try to become holy like Jesus.

God calls everyone to be holy. Some people become holy as priests or religious sisters or brothers, but those are not the only ways to become holy. Kids, married people and single people can all live out God's plan for holiness by doing His will every day.

You might think at first that being holy sounds boring, but it's not! Holiness means being like God. It means using the gifts God gave you to do good things. It means doing the right thing at the right time, and sometimes that means being a hero. That's definitely not boring!

The Kids' Bulletin

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What did someone say to Jesus in today's Gospel reading?

Use the letters in the maze to fill in the blanks and find out!

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**Saint María Goretti**
**July 6**

**Maria Goretti** was born in Italy, in 1890. Her father was a farm worker. When the crops did poorly their family moved to find better land.

When Mr. Goretti died the other man took over the farm. Maria worked hard. 

She was very happy when, at age 12, she received her first communion.

Maria was taken to the hospital. She forgave the young man, Alessandro, before she died.

Maria never learned to read or write, but she knew how to be holy. When she was tempted to sin she refused even when her life was in danger. Alessandro, however, used to read bad magazines, which tempted him to sin. Pray to Saint Maria for the grace to be pure.

But Maria’s father became ill. So another man and his son came to live and work with them.

Once the farmer’s son tried to get her to do a sin and then stabbed her when she would not do it.

No! It’s a sin!

Alessandro was sent to prison for 8 years. He was not sorry. Then one night he dreamed that Maria gave him some lilies, and he accepted her forgiveness.

God, have mercy on me.

**Word-Find: I Will Follow You**

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See if you can find all the words from today’s Gospel that are written in CAPITALS. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

As they were proceeding on their journey someone said to him, ”I will follow you WHEREVER you go.” Jesus answered him, ”FOXES have DEN S and birds of the air have NESTS, but the Son of Man has NOWHERE to REST his head.”

And to another he said, ”FOLLOW me.” But he replied, ”Lord, let me go FIRST and bury my FATHER.” But he answered him, ”Let the dead BURY their DEAD. But you, go and PROCLAIM the KINGDOM of God.” And another said, ”I will follow YOU, Lord, but first let me say FAREWELL to my FAMILY at HOME.” To him Jesus said, ”No one who SETS a hand to the PLOW and looks to what was left BEHIND is fit for the kingdom of God.”