

Be Ready to do God's Will

In today's first reading, God called young Samuel in a special way. Samuel's life had been dedicated to God, and because he was willing to follow God's plan, God made Samuel a holy prophet.

In the Gospel reading, Saint John the Baptist tells his followers that Jesus is the Messiah. Two of them decided to follow Jesus, and one of them, Andrew, went and got his brother Simon. When Simon went to follow Him, Jesus told him that his name would now be "Cephas," or "Peter," which means 'rock.' God had a special plan for Simon Peter. He was to become the leader of the Church- the first pope!

God does not call all of us to very important jobs like the prophet Samuel and Saint Peter. But each of us should follow Jesus and be ready to do His will. If we always try to do what God wants, then we will be ready if He does have a special job for us! How can you do God's will today?



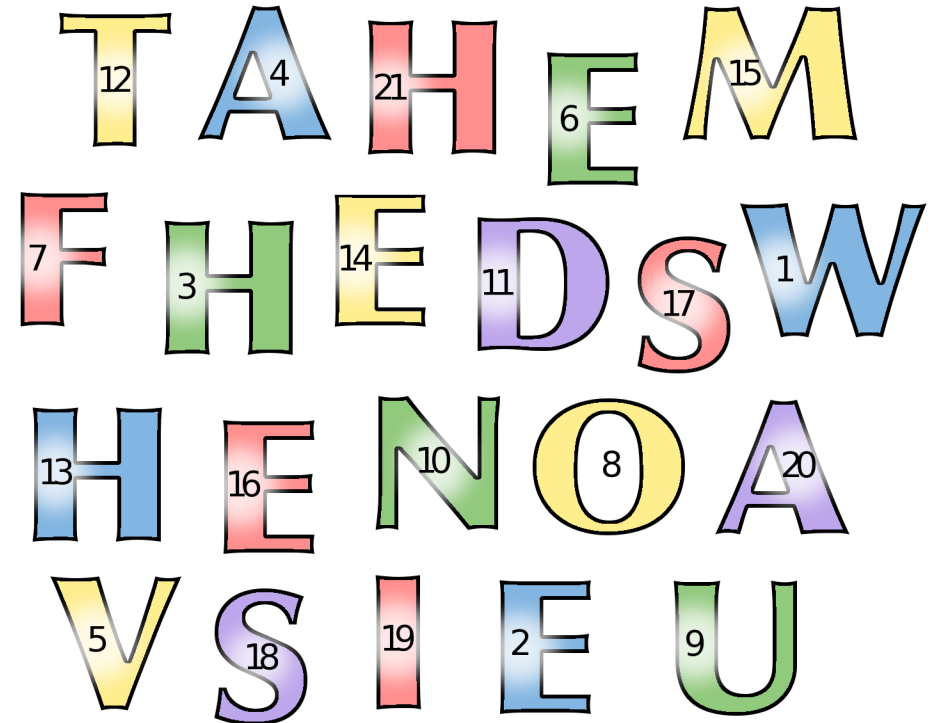
Answer to front page: We have found the Messiah!
Answer to Cross-Word: his vocation.

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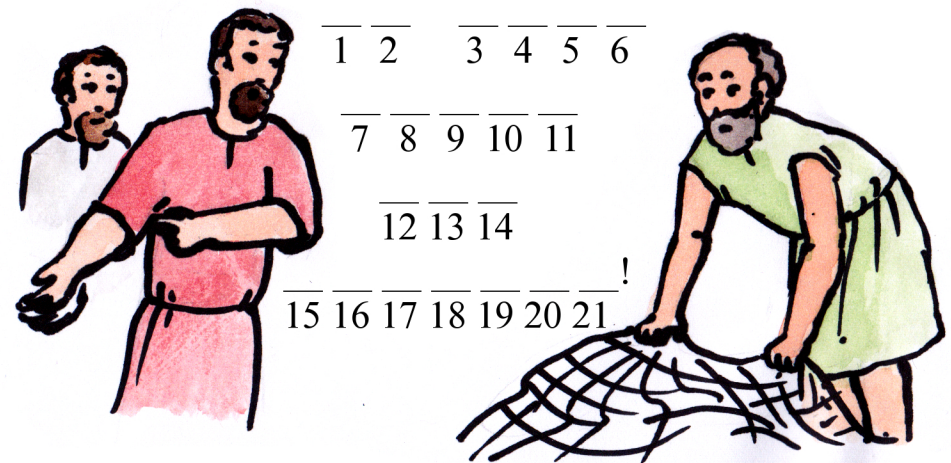
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What did Andrew say to his brother Simon in today's Gospel reading?
Fill the spaces with the letters in the right order to find out!



Saint Agnes

January 21



SAINT AGNES WAS A THIRTEEN YEAR OLD GIRL FROM A NOBLE FAMILY IN ROME IN THE LATE 200'S.



SHE WAS ACCUSED OF BEING A CHRISTIAN WHEN SHE REFUSED TO MARRY THE PREFECT'S SON.

Why do you refuse?
I'll bet she's a Christian!



WHEN ORDERED TO HONOUR A FALSE GOD, AGNES MADE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS INSTEAD.



SHE WAS TAKEN TO A HOUSE OF SINFUL WOMEN, BUT AGNES WOULD NOT SIN.

Oh, are you against having fun?



HER CLOTHES WERE TAKEN, BUT HER HAIR GREW SO LONG IT COVERED HER BODY.



SOME STORIES SAY THAT THEY TRIED TO BURN HER, BUT THE FLAMES WOULD NOT HARM HER.



I will not deny Christ!

FINALLY SHE WAS KILLED BY THE SWORD BECAUSE SHE REFUSED TO COOPERATE WITH THE PEOPLE WHO WANTED HER TO SIN.

SAINT AGNES WAS A VIRGIN-MARTYR. SHE HAD PROMISED HERSELF TO JESUS, SO SHE WOULD NOT MARRY ANYONE ELSE. OF COURSE, SHE WOULD NOT TURN AWAY FROM HER FAITH EITHER. WE CAN LEARN FROM HER TO NEVER LET ANYONE OR ANYTHING COME BETWEEN US AND OUR LORD.

Samuel's Call Cross-Word

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle.
Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

SAMUEL was sleeping in the TEMPLE. He heard a voice calling him, so he RAN to ELI and said, "Here I am. You called me."

"I did not call you," Eli said. "Go BACK to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Then the same thing happened again. The voice CALLED Samuel again, for the THIRD time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "HERE I am. You called me."

Then Eli UNDERSTOOD that the Lord was calling the YOUTH. So he said to Samuel, "Go to SLEEP, and if you are called, REPLY, "SPEAK, Lord, for your SERVANT is listening." When Samuel went to sleep, the LORD came and REVEALED his presence, calling out as BEFORE, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel ANSWERED, "Speak, for your servant is LISTENING."

Samuel grew up, and the Lord was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

What's another way of saying this was Samuel's calling?
It was

