

## **Family Time 4: The Call of the First Disciples**

This week your child read about the call of the first disciples and Jesus' naming of the Twelve Apostles. The children learned that we too are invited to follow Jesus. At Baptism, we are given special gifts that help us to believe in God and to follow Jesus.

Before naming his Apostles, Jesus went up into the mountains and spent the night in prayer. This is a powerful example for all believers. We need to pray to our Father every day, especially when we are faced with an important decision.

Make it a priority to find time for prayer with your child each day. Together, thank God for the blessings he has provided you and your family. Ask God to help you live with love. Pray for the sick and people in need. This is one way we can reach out to others, as Jesus taught his Apostles to do. Conclude your prayer with these words from the Book of Psalms.

### **Psalm 25: 4-5**

Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.  
Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all day long.

Amen.