

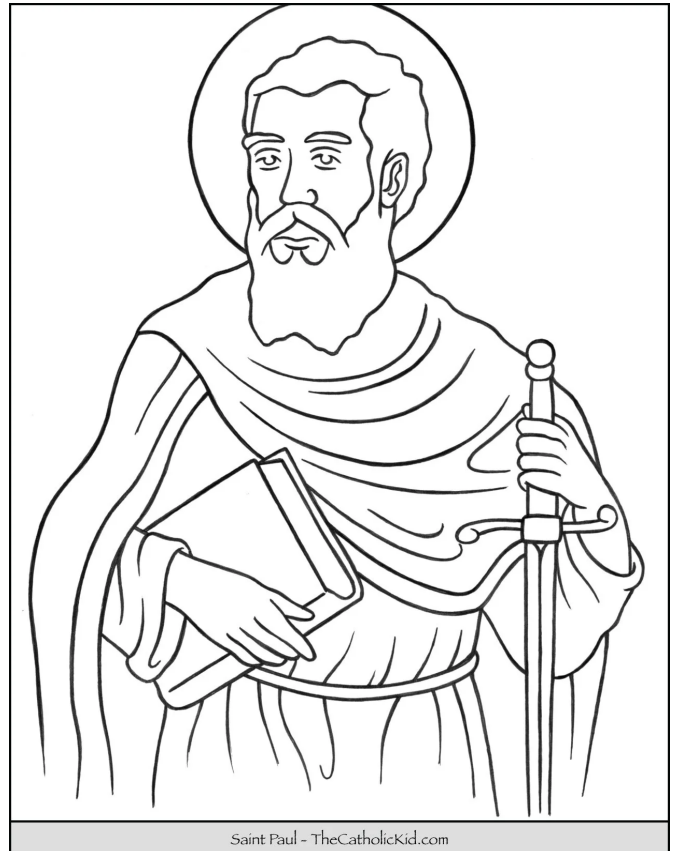
The Humble Bee

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE KIDS OF ST. AMBROSE

Sunday, January 22, 2023

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Saint Paul was converted from Judaism in a miraculous way. Saint Paul heard God's voice ask "Why are you persecuting me?" and then Paul was struck blind. He regained his sight three days later after a Christian, Ananias, prayed for him. He was then baptized. Before he was converted, he had been persecuting Christians, but afterwards, he became a follower of Jesus and the ultimate missionary. He traveled all over, establishing churches and then writing to communities he'd visited to help them learn about how to follow Jesus better and how to be united members of the Body of Christ. He was very brave, not afraid to speak the truth at all. He shared the truth even when it was hard for followers to hear, and he did this out of love of God and love of neighbor. Saint Paul was imprisoned several times and died a martyr. His writings and those of his followers make up about half of the books in the New Testament! We celebrate the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul on January 25. Saint Paul, pray for us!



FAMILY TIME

*At the dinner table,
in the car,
we talk about our faith,
wherever we are!*



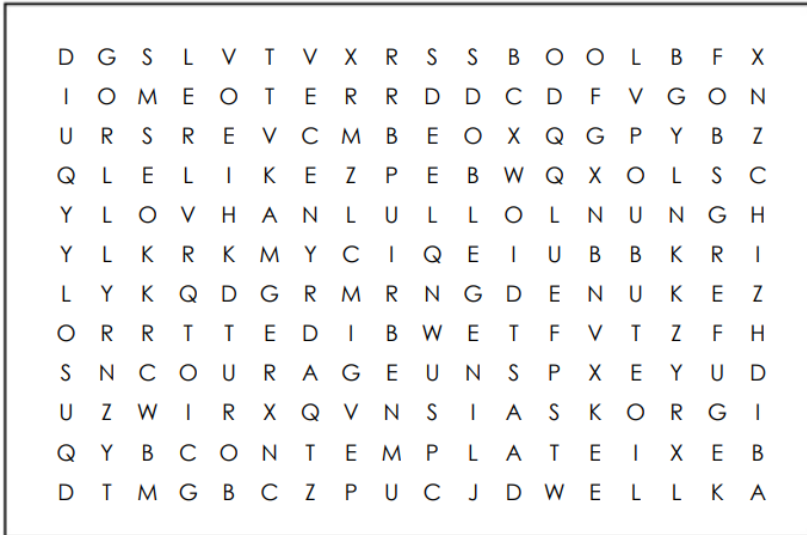
In the longer passage of this week's Gospel, we see Jesus calling the apostles Andrew, Simon (Peter), James, and John to follow him and be fishers of men. The Gospel tells us they left their families and jobs "at once" to follow Jesus without delay.

LITTLE ONES: Jesus isn't asking you to quit a job or leave your home, but what is he asking you to do? How can you serve him right now?

BIGGER ONES: In what difficult ways is the Lord asking you to follow him? Ask for the courage to follow, to serve, and to learn from him "at once."

FAMILY CHALLENGE: For this prayer challenge, set aside 10 minutes for practicing silence. Prayer isn't just talking to God; it's listening, too. God wants to tell us how we can love and follow his will for us. Tell God how much you love him and long to hear him in your heart, and then practice being silent and listening! A great book about this is "Listening for God: Silence Practice for Little Ones" by Katie Warner.

Psalm 27: “The Lord is my light and my salvation.”

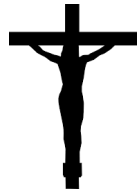


Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

CONTEMPLATE
LOVELINESS
BELIEVE
COURAGE

REFUGE
TEMPLE
BOUNTY
DWELL

SEEK
LORD



Let us learn!

Kids, check out this movie, “The Messengers: The Birth of the Early Church.” Towards the end you’ll see the unexpected conversion of the Church’s most zealous enemy, Saint Paul!



Parents, check out these Formed videos to learn more about St. Paul’s conversion, life, work, and martyrdom:



Pray and Draw: The first reading today from Isaiah contains beautiful imagery that Jesus fulfilled as our Savior. It says that “people who walked in darkness have seen a great light...” and the Lord has “brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing...” Close your eyes and picture people celebrating the love of Jesus. Then draw what you see in the space below.

