

# 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?



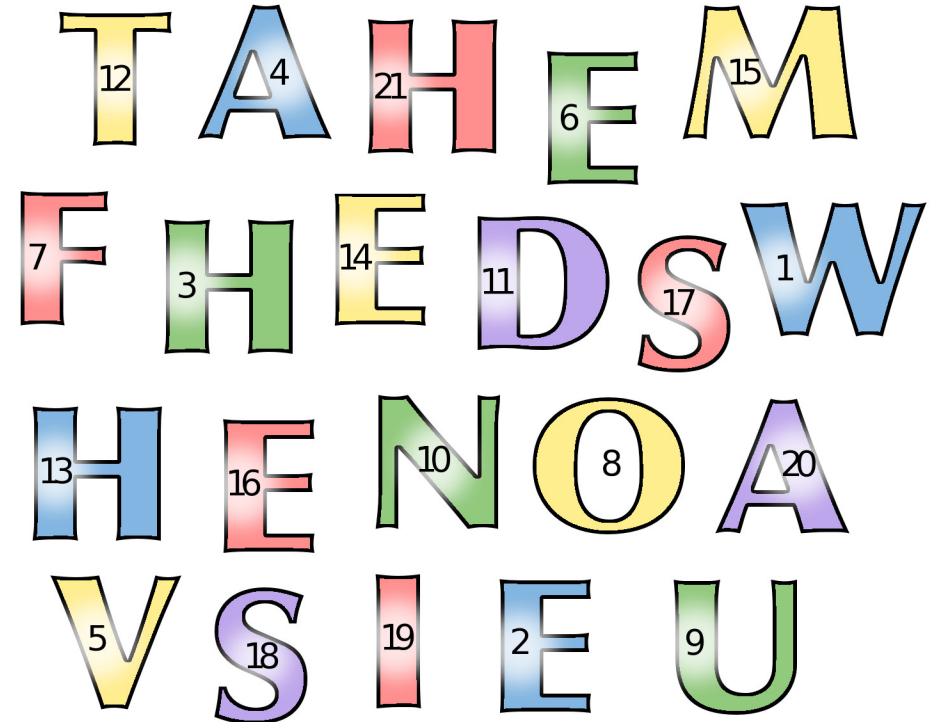
Answer to front page: We have found the Messiah!  
Answer to Cross-Word: his vocation.

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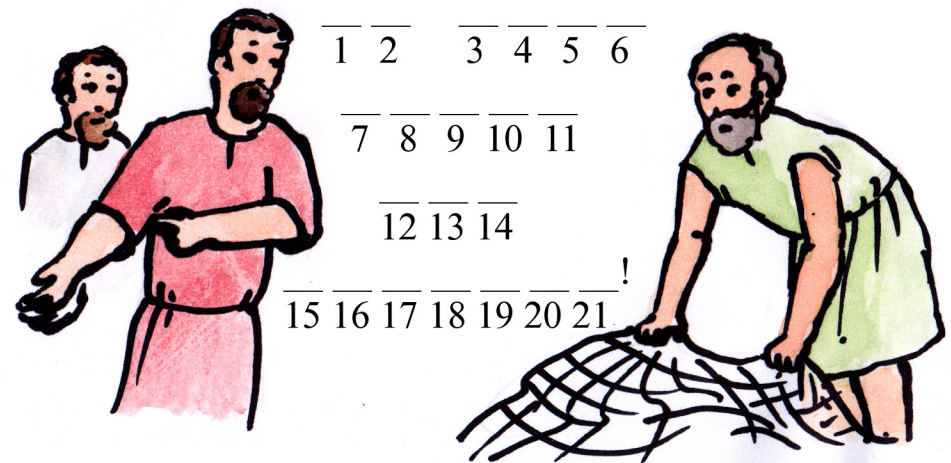
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What did Andrew say to his brother Simon in today's Gospel reading?  
Fill the spaces with the letters in the right order to find out!



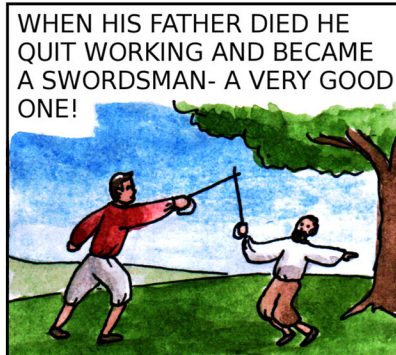


# Saint Bernard of Corleone

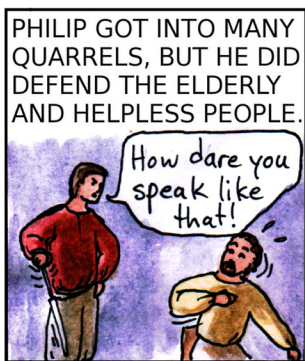
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PHILIP LATINI WAS BORN IN 1605 IN SICILY. HIS FAMILY WAS CATHOLIC BUT HE DIDN'T TAKE THE FAITH SERIOUSLY. HE BECAME A SHOEMAKER LIKE HIS FATHER.



WHEN HIS FATHER DIED HE QUIT WORKING AND BECAME A SWORDSMAN- A VERY GOOD ONE!

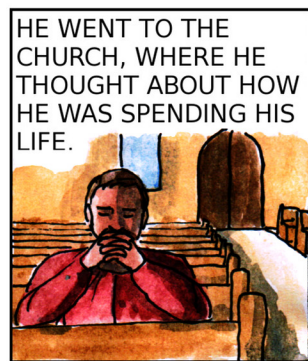


PHILIP GOT INTO MANY QUARRELS, BUT HE DID DEFEND THE ELDERLY AND HELPLESS PEOPLE.

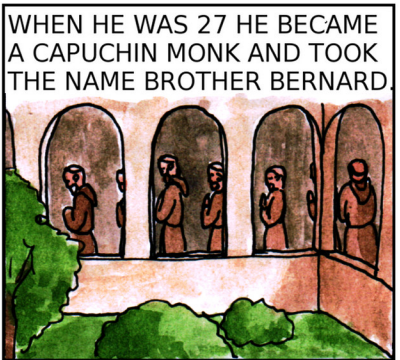
How dare you speak like that!



ONCE HE WOUNDED THE HAND OF A MAN WHO HAD FOUGHT WITH HIM IN A DUEL.



HE WENT TO THE CHURCH, WHERE HE THOUGHT ABOUT HOW HE WAS SPENDING HIS LIFE.



WHEN HE WAS 27 HE BECAME A CAPUCHIN MONK AND TOOK THE NAME BROTHER BERNARD.



BROTHER BERNARD DID MUCH PENANCE AND DID HIS JOBS WITH JOY. HE ALSO HAD GREAT DEVOTION TO OUR LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. HE DIED AT AGE 62.

SAINT BERNARD WAS POSSIBLY THE GREATEST SWORDSMAN IN SICILY, BUT WHEN HE FELT THAT GOD WANTED HIM TO BECOME A MONK, HE DIDN'T LET HIS FAME STOP HIM FROM SERVING GOD. IS THERE SOMETHING THAT YOU'RE REALLY GOOD AT? DOES IT HELP YOU SERVE GOD OR DOES IT GET IN THE WAY?

# 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

