

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

(ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON)

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 17, 2021



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## MISSION STATEMENT

*We, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ as expressed in the beliefs and traditions of the Holy Roman Catholic Church. Through a passion for righteousness and consciousness of duty to God, we uphold the faithful worship of God in our mission to our church family and the Sunnyside Community.*

## PASTOR:

Rev. Michael K. Saah-Buckman, SSJ

## DEACONS:

Michael V. Jenkins

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## PARISH SECRETARY

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Violet & Harold Champ

## NEW WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Sat: Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sun: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday: 7:00 a.m.

First Friday: 7:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 7:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:15p.m. - 4:45p.m.

Sundays: 6:45a.m. - 7:15a.m.

9:20a.m. - 9:45a.m.

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

First Friday: 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

## CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Adult Choirs

Judah Choir:

## SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

God's Chosen Choir:

## SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Youth Choir:

## SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

BIBLE STUDY/

ADULT CATHECHISM:

## SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

## CHOIR DIRECTORS:

Jerry Givens 281.772.9276

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## VISITATION OF THE SICK

Communion for the sick and shut-in is available. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the parish office for information. Preparation classes are required for parents and godparents.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact a priest a minimum of six months prior to proposed date.

## WELCOME VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS

To register, call, come by the parish office or visit our website at [www.sfxhouston.com](http://www.sfxhouston.com)

Text-to-Give  
Text \$ amount to 281-949-7600



Save the number as a contact in your mobile phone for easy giving.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>01/16/2021</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
<i>People of the Parish</i>		
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>01/17/2021</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>
<i>Kristina M. Chaney (D)</i>		
Family & Friends		
<i>Michael V. Johnson (L) – Chaney Family</i>		
<i>Ulysses Rideaux (D) – Chaney Family</i>		
<i>Norma J. Tyrone (D) – Garrison Family</i>		
<i>Lawrence Duplechain, Sr. (D)</i>		
Elaine Matthews		
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>01/17/2021</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>
<i>Provost Family (L) – Mary Provost</i>		
<i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Charles Camel (D)</i>		
James & Bonnie Jefferson		
<i>Melba Camel (D)</i>		
James & Bonnie Jefferson		
<i>Andrew Onochie Nwokobia (D)</i>		
The Nwokobia Family		
<i>Ella Collins Reed (D)</i>		
Theresa Chambers		
<b>MON.</b>	<b>01/18/2021</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
<i>Ulysses Rideaux (D) – Chaney Family</i>		
<i>Johnathon James (D) – Johnathon James</i>		
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>01/19/2021</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
<i>Ulysses Rideaux (D) – Chaney Family</i>		
<i>Earlene Duplechain (D)</i>		
Tywana Navy		
<b>WED.</b>	<b>01/20/2021</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
<i>All the Saints (D) – Albert Family</i>		
<i>Monique Clark (D) – Tywana Navy</i>		
<b>THUR.</b>	<b>01/21/2021</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
<i>Mandy Wheatfall (L)</i>		
SFX Sisters in the Spirit		
<i>Lorena Lewis (D) – Audrey Otis</i>		
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>01/22/2021</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
<i>Barbara Tolbert (D) – Audrey Otis</i>		
<i>Louis McChristian (D)</i>		
Florence & Wanda		



**Mary Wheeler** passed away on January 12, 2021 at the age of 71. A Funeral Mass is scheduled for Saturday, January 23, 2021 at 10:00am. Eternal Rest Grant unto her soul.

**NOTICE!!!**

The Parish Office will be **Closed** on Monday, **January 18<sup>th</sup>**, in observance of Martin Luther King Holiday.



Deacon Alfred Abram, Justin Baptiste, Julius Cadoree, Margaret Cadoree, Nancy Calvin, Sterling Dotson Certenberg, Dalton Cooper Jr., Alvie Drenon, Nicole Fontenette, Barbara Forte', Ursula Gross, Jimmy Harris, Willie Mae Henderson, Dana Montez Hill, Brooke Joseph, Kennedy Family Members, Helen Kennison, JoAnn LaSane, Hazel Lewis, Laurenza Lewis, Eugene Mallery, Cynthia Ann Malone, Charles Martin, Shannon Martin, Dorothy Milstead, Vy. Rev. William L. Norvel, SSJ, Carolyn Ollison, Helen Foreman Orsot, Cynethia Pichon, Lee Pickney-Rose, William Pierre Sr., Carolyn Porter, Marcelle Prevost, Carole Pryor, Elise Richmond, Evelyn Roberts, Oliver Rose, Andrea Shelton, Mandy Shelton, Simon Smith, Joyce Stagg, MacKenzie Swanks, Kennedi Swanks, Erma Taylor, Marie Webb, Agnes Williams, Patricia Williams, and all the sick and shut-in in our parish family.

**Let us Know**

Call the Parish Office when you and/or a family member are ill, in the hospital, or having a surgery so that we can put the name on the sick list for prayers. **After 30 days, please call the office to remain on the prayer list.**

**Lord, we pray for all our current military service members and first responders who put their own lives on the line every day in order to protect our families and our country.**

**Army:**

Barbara Baber, Sade Beck, Wadie Troy Butler, Shanta Charles, Josiah Charles, Patrick Clay Jr, Kerry Hubbard, Kory Hubbard, Stephen Jones, LaTroy King, Gary Christian Robertson, Anthony Lamar Smith II, David Stagnoli, Jordan T. McCorkle, Essence L. Casteel

**Navy:**

Alvin Balthazar, Debreanna Brown, Jermaine Ceaser, Kevin Crockett, Courtney Harris, Nia D. Hawkins, Randolph J. Navy III, Anthony N. Russell, Christian Johnson, Hope Bethany Johnson

**Air Force:**

Roderick Jones, Joffre Lander, Bena Sellers, Terrance J Valiare, Thomas Q Valiare II

**Marines**

Alyssa Dugar, Reginald Ward

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

We encourage all parishioners to take the chalice home for a week and pray for vocations.

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

God calls Samuel in the middle of the night in today's first reading. Samuel is confused, but eventually he responds, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' John's disciples are listening when he points to Jesus and says, "Behold, the Lamb of God." They follow Jesus at once. Let us listen to God's word, ponder how we ourselves are called, and recommit ourselves to following the Lord.

**READINGS****FOR THE WEEK****Sunday – January 17**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-10

1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

John 1:35-42

**Monday – January 18**

Hebrews 5:1-10

Psalm 110:1-4

Mark 2:18-22

**Tuesday – January 19**

Hebrews 6:10-20

Psalm 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10

Mark 2:23-28

**Wednesday – January 20**

*Saint Fabian, Pope & Martyr;*

*Saint Sebastian, Martyr*

Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17

Psalm 110:1-4

Mark 3:1-6

**Thursday – January 21**

*Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr*

Hebrews 7:25-8:6

Psalm 40:7-10, 17

Mark 3:7-12

**Friday – January 22**

Hebrews 8:6-13

Psalm 85:8, 10, 11-14

Mark 3:13-19

**Saturday – January 23**

*Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin*

*Saint Vincent, Deacon & Martyr*

Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14

Psalm 47:2-3, 6-9

Mark 3:20-21

**SFX GABRIEL PROJECT**

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January 18<sup>th</sup> ..... NO CCE CLASSES  
 January 23<sup>rd</sup> ..... 9:30am  
 PRE-K-5<sup>TH</sup> CCE CLASSES

## RCIA

*Thinking of becoming Catholic?*

RCIA classes are held on **Thursdays**, at **6:30pm** in the Harris Center. Registration Forms are available in the vestibule of the Church, and on the Parish Website.

### Did you know that Catholics can make an Act of Spiritual Communion?

When unable to receive Holy Communion, pray the prayer below:

**A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**  
 My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.



### Save the Date

#### KPC 138 Virtual Retreat



**Theme: Being Thankful and Trusting in God during a Pandemic**

**Saturday  
 February 13, 2021**

**10:00am – 10:30am Log In**

**10:30am – 12:00pm Retreat**

This is a FREE event! Contact: Ingrid Singleton at 832-545-4411, or Gwendolyn Reed-Lamothe at 832-594-5255 for additional information.

Please PRAY for those affected by COVID-19



### AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

#### SAVE THE DATE!

**Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston  
 Virtual Celebration of Catholic Youth  
 of African Descent**

**Middle & High School Students  
 (This is a free event – everyone must register)**

**Hosting Parish – Our Lady Star of  
 the Sea Catholic Church**

**1401 Fidelity St., Houston, 77029**

**Attn: DRE, Youth Ministers, KPC,  
 Young Adults, Parents**

**Saturday, February 27, 2021**

**10:00am-2:00pm/Login 9:30am**

**“DO YOU KNOW THE WAY?”**

**“Using Jesus As Our GPS System”**

**John 14:1-6 I Am The Way The Truth  
 And The Life**

**Mime Praise Dancers-Our Lady Star  
 of the Sea 9:45am**

**Spiritual Motivational Speakers:**

- Fr. Reginal Samuels, Pastor St. Hyacinth, Deer Park, TX
- Fr. Stephen Sohe, SSJ, Pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Houston, TX
- Brian Greenfield, Motivational Speaker for Youths
- Fr. Tony Ricard, M. Th., M.Div., Pastor of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish and Campus Minister at St. Augustine High School in New Orleans
- Sr. Odessa Stanford, SFCC, Member of the Sisters for Christian Community, Houston
- Sr. Nicole Trahan, FMI, native of Orange, TX, Member of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate
- Fr. Canon A. Gerard Jordan O. Praem, Special Assistant to the postulator for the Tolton cause

### ATTENDANCE

Attendance on January 9<sup>th</sup> & January 10<sup>th</sup> was **167**. The 7:30am Livestream was viewed online by **352**. Please join us via Livestream, or bring a friend to come worship with us in the church. You must wear a mask to attend all services in the church.

### NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Next week, we will take up the **Collection for the Church in Latin America**. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

### Stewardship Reflection

That we take time, every day, talking to God - praising Him, thanking Him and asking for His guidance. “Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” – John 1:38 What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

### Stewardship Intention Card

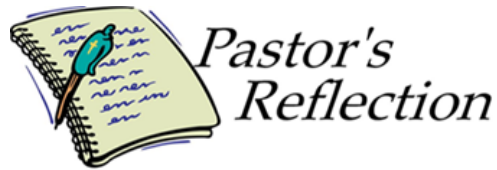


You are invited to commit to giving tithes and offerings by completing a **Call to Stewardship Intention Card**. These cards were mailed in your January Envelope packet and collected during all Masses on Stewardship Intention weekend. If you do not receive envelopes, contact the Parish Office and a card will be mailed to you. Thank you in advance for renewing your financial commitment to God and to your church family.



If you will need a copy of your 2020 contribution statement for tax purposes, please call the Parish Office at **(713) 738-2311**. Statements will be sent only upon request.

**Please note: Contributions received after December 31<sup>st</sup> will not be reflected on statements for 2020.**



## You Too, Are Called!

The Scriptures offer a more substantive method of recognizing and responding to our vocations (calls from God). Each call is presented in the form of a dialogue to help discern the overture of God. It starts with a process of wondering, puzzling and then waiting to do the will of God.

I grew up as a mission boy. I was among many young boys who hung around the Church. We helped the priest when he came to visit our village church and served him at the altar. We cleaned the Church and rectory (mission) as well as anything that needed to be done around the Church. This included towing the Church bells at 6:00 am, noon and 6:00 pm. For us, there was nothing extraordinary about our work, we did it because we wanted to do it. However, the priest, seeing our vocations, kept asking us individually if we would like to be priests or enter religious lives. Many of us responded in the affirmative. Some left the Minor Seminary and the other religious institutions. Some stayed and persevered to become priests and religious, and some left the Seminary but later came back to the priesthood.

Today we hear of the calling of four people in the Bible. They all came at different times and in different ways. We are told in the Scriptures that about 1000 BC, there was a woman called Hannah who suffered a lot because she was unable to have children. She suffered bitterly, especially over her inability to have a son. She made a promise to God that if she were to have a son, she would dedicate him to God.

A son, Samuel, was born to her and after weaning the boy, she brought him to the Priest, Eli, who attended the Arc of the Covenant in Shiloh. There Samuel was raised and educated for the service of God. He served in the Temple under Eli's care. It was here in the Temple that Samuel's sleep was disturbed three times in one night. The third time it happened, Eli realized that God was calling Samuel and advised him to respond affirmatively to the calling. This is where Samuel's calling began. Listening became his way of life. He got a call that changed his life in the middle of the night. Under the direction of Eli, Samuel was able to change the lives of all God's people for over one hundred years. He established the Israel monarchy and anointed the first two kings.

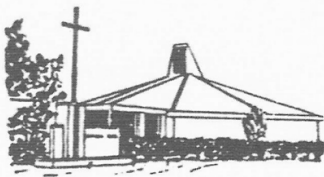
John the Baptist, fulfilling the role as a forerunner to Jesus, fulfilled his prophetic mission by pointing others toward Jesus. Andrew and another disciple heard John talking about Jesus and they responded by leaving John to follow Jesus. The dialogue that ensued between them and Jesus ended with an invitation to "come and see". **They came and stayed with Jesus, and shall we say, the rest is history!**

Having experienced Jesus, Andrew could not help but to tell and invite his brother, Peter to share in his joy of finding the Messiah. Peter adhered to Andrew's invitation and his life also changed forever.

In Acts 9:1-9, we read how Paul's calling came in a more dramatic way. He was first thrown off his horse and a conversation ensued. In modern history, Martin Luther King received his call to the ministry of non-violent struggle for justice for all people in our nation in an unexpected way. He was a young pastor who was called to lead a movement that was struggling for the rights of the disadvantaged.

In reflecting on these and other vocations, it becomes clear that we all have a vocation but are all not called in the same manner. God's calling does not pertain only to priesthood or religious lives. It is rather a call to full realization in the mission of Christ. In all of these callings, be they to religious or marital life, or volunteering for some kind of service, they all require guidance.

As we come together for the Eucharistic meal, may we pray that God helps us know our individual vocation and give us the grace and strength to follow it.



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## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Archdiocese of Galveston - Houston*

Dear Parishioner,

While acknowledging the social, political, and financial challenges we are going through, we can accept the fact that we cannot put our spiritual and fiscal lives on hold. Our parish is aging and so is the infrastructure. Some need repair and others need upgrade.

Last year we began the ***IGNITE: Our Faith, Our Mission*** capital campaign to help us and our archdiocese undertake much-needed projects. The COVID\_19 pandemic has made us pause for a moment. We understand that many of us are struggling during these times of social distancing, and other issues, but our call to a life of stewardship still compels us to reflect on the countless blessings God has bestowed upon us.

To refresh our memories, the ***IGNITE: Our Faith, Our Mission*** capital campaign directly helps our parish as we continue working on our own projects even as we support the archdiocesan projects of Faith Formation programs, Catholic Education in the form of tuition assistance, rebuilding in light of Hurricane Harvey, ensuring a Future Disaster Recovery Fund, and focusing on renovations and capital needs at St. Mary's Seminary. These projects are worthy elements that need our support.

Remember, 33% of everything raised in this capital campaign stays here at St. Francis Xavier to help us **refurbish our pews and replace the sound systems in the Church.**

If you have **already** made your pledge **THANK YOU**. Your support has created momentum for our campaign. Please continue to promote and pray for the ***IGNITE*** campaign.

If you have **not** made your pledge, please join us in thoughtful and prayerful consideration to make a true sacrificial gift.

A pledge form and envelope is inserted in the church bulletin for you to complete and to return. Any pledge amount will help. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

More information about the ***IGNITE*** campaign is available on our parish website. All of us are called to build up the Kingdom of God by participating fully in the life of our church and that begins here with our parish family.

Thank you and may God continue to bless our Church family.

Yours in Christ,

*Reverend Michael Saah-Buckman, S.S.J.*

Pastor, St. Francis Xavier



## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- Please make a pledge to this historic endeavor, **IGNITE: Our Faith, Our Mission** Campaign by filling out the information below.
- 33% of everything raised, will stay at St. Francis Xavier.
- The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston will send you a reminder a month after making a pledge. *If you want to pay online visit [www.archgh.org/IGNITE](http://www.archgh.org/IGNITE)*
- Please make all checks payable to **IGNITE**.

### I want to participate!

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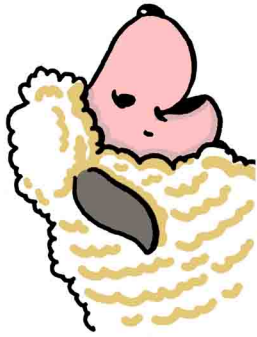
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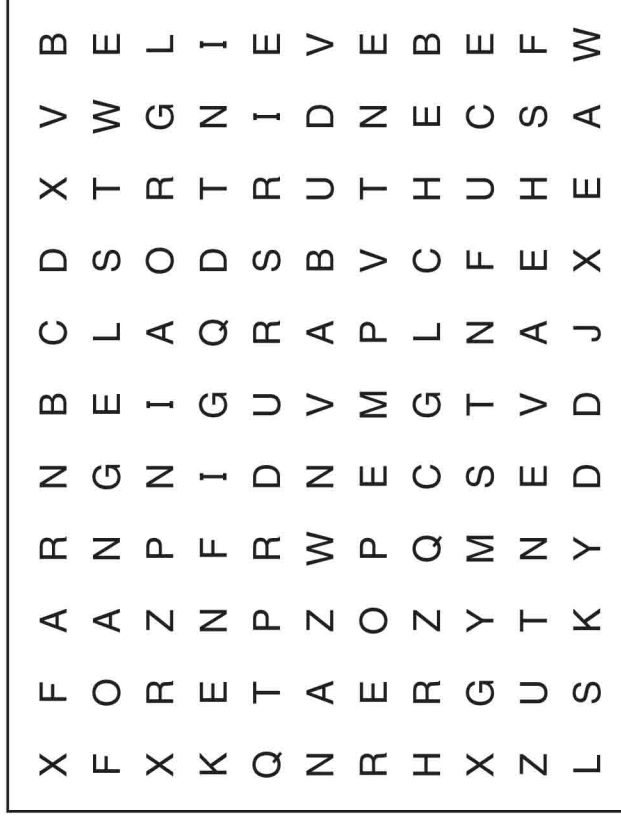




Nathanael recognized that Jesus was the Son of God.  
How did Jesus reply?

Find the underlined words in the word search below.

"You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that." He then added, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."



# Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 7+

January 17, 2021 • John 1:43-51

## Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

After Philip began to follow Jesus, Philip went to get Nathanael. What did Philip say to Nathanael.

Find the underlined letters hidden in the picture below.

"We have found the One Moses wrote about in the Law, and about Whom the prophets also wrote -- Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of Joseph."

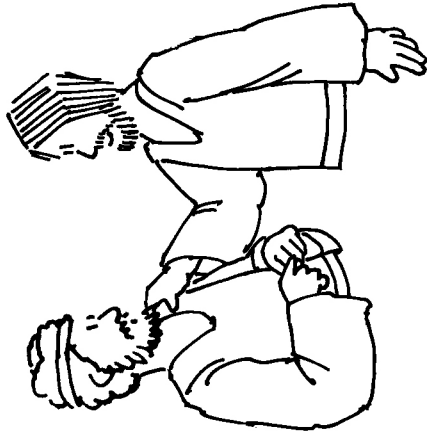


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Jesus said ... "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree ..."

Write the beginning sound of each picture.



You will see



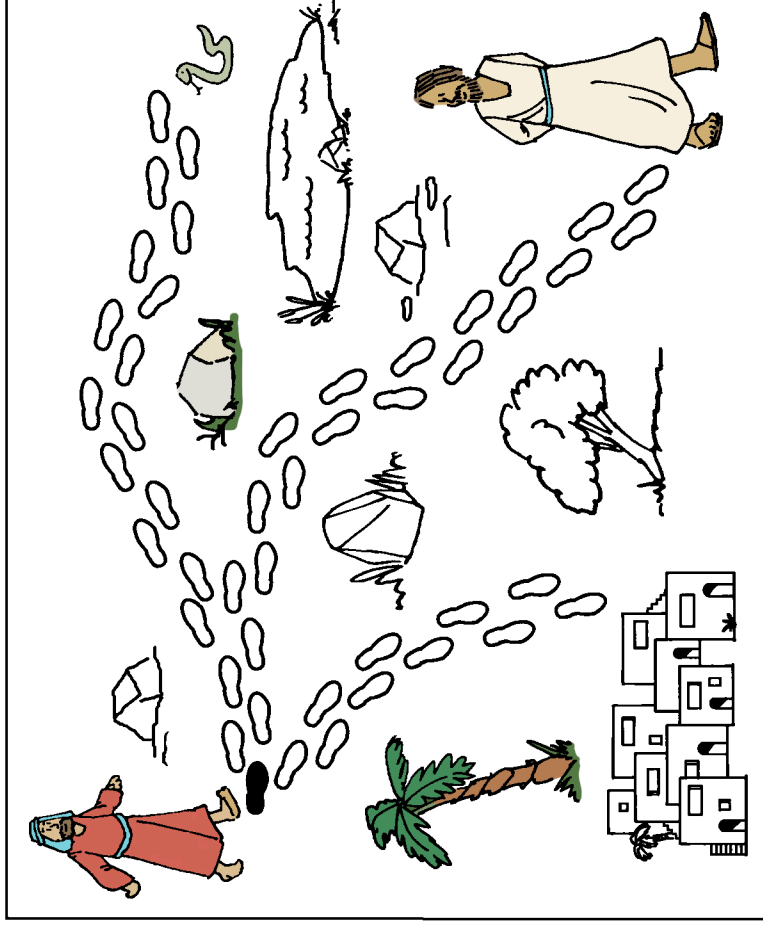
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things than that!"

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

Jesus asked Philip to be His disciple.  
Jesus said, "Follow Me."

Shade in the footprints that follow Jesus.





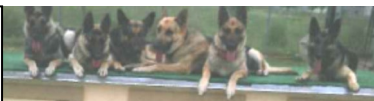


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