

## One World, One Spirit...

Welcome to Sunday School at St. Tim's

January 20th, 2008

Thank you for coming !  
We are glad you joined us for our Gathering Service today.

During our Gathering Service,  
you will learn about God, Jesus, and our church.  
You will learn about why grown-ups do the things they do  
each week during worship, and you will learn about  
being a part of the congregation.  
You will learn how you can share your gifts and talents,  
and what your responsibilities are as a  
full member of the St Tims church family.

Each week, we will try to follow this format:

**Sing-along with Linda**

**Welcome**

**Opening Song "This, This is Where Children Belong"**

**Opening Prayer**

**Scripture Reading—John 1:29-42**

**Message—Hearing Jesus call**

**Offering**

**Offering Prayer**

**Announcements**

**Blessing prayer**

**Closing Song "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"**

You might be asked to choose the songs, help collect the offering, read the Scriptures, lead a prayer, or light candles.  
We want you to feel like an important part of our Service!

Please share this bulletin with your family so everyone  
can find out what you learned about today!

The message for today is:

"Hearing Jesus call..."

Today's story had two parts—one was a recap of what we learned about last week (Jesus' baptism), and the other was about Jesus' first followers, Andrew and Simon.

John the Baptizer was very excited to have baptized Jesus. He told everyone who came by that he had baptized a great man, and that he had seen the spirit of God come down like a dove and bless Jesus.

The next day, John pointed Jesus out to two of his followers and helpers. One of them was Andrew. Andrew went right up to Jesus and asked where he was staying. That was a pretty bold thing to do! Jesus didn't mind though. He said "Come and see!"

After spending all day with Jesus, Andrew knew that Jesus was pretty special. He hurried home to get his brother Simon, and took him to Jesus, saying "I have found the Messiah" (the chosen one.) Jesus said to Simon, "I will call you Peter, which means "rock!"

So what is the point of this story? It is the story of two people who thought that Jesus was so amazing, that they would stop what they were doing and follow him. When Jesus called, Andrew came, and he brought his brother with him. They liked what he had to say, and they wanted to learn from him.

When Jesus calls us, do we hear? Do we take time and make time to listen? Do we hear when Jesus asks us to help people in need, to be patient with people who are driving us crazy, to forgive those who have hurt us? Do we learn anything from the lessons Jesus teaches us?

Sometime when it's quiet, you can ask yourselves those questions, and if you're quiet enough, maybe you'll hear Jesus calling you!