

Chapter 2 **Follower of Christ**

He said to them, “Come and you will see.” *John 1:39*

To the Parents:

In chapter 2, your child learned the following:

- Following Jesus entails making choices about how to treat others.
- Seek out Jesus, who touches people’s lives through Scripture, the sacraments, and the teaching of the Church.
- Jesus and the saints are models for people of any age.

The Lord Jesus calls all believers to follow his example in leading a life of joyful self-sacrifice. Those who follow Jesus as his disciples learn to live as Jesus did, living out their lives in loving service to others. Jesus shows the way and invites his disciples to follow. Coming to know Jesus intimately as the Lord is the first step toward claiming his friendship and following him as a disciple.

Disciples of Jesus are those who know him well, follow his teachings, and attempt to live as he did. Each person who carries out Jesus’ mission in the world needs to have faith in God and a healthy respect for the personal gifts he or she receives from God. The Holy Spirit bestows gifts on the followers of Jesus, strengthening them with courage, hope, and enduring love.

With Your Child:

1. Read what is required of a disciple of Jesus in Luke 9:23, and talk about how you are such a disciple.
2. One of the ways to be a follower of Jesus is to know about his life. Get together with your family and share your favorite stories about Jesus. Why are they favorites?
3. Read the story of Saint Andrew on the Review and Explore page.