

**Resources for the Sunday Readings
Epiphany 2
Picture Reflection (p1), Five Question Bible Study (p2)
and All Age Activity (p3)**

Picture Reflection – prepared by Brenda



**Come, see, hear
John 1: 43-51**

- Our lives at the moment are in a strange place ... we are daily being bombarded with anxiety-laden situations in this country and abroad that stir up our feelings of vulnerability and inadequacy. We are being invited to use this image to help us reflect and spend some time in stillness....
- Jesus deliberately created opportunities for himself and his disciples to come away from the noise of their livesto listen to him, without distractions, so that their faith could flourish. What circumstances in our lives help us to see and hear God? Use this image to focus on bringing God into your life....
- How can we create opportunities to help each other look and listen for God in this coming week?

Five Question Bible Study prepared by Carol

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael [Good News Translation]

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Come with me!" (⁴⁴ Philip was from Bethsaida, the town where Andrew and Peter lived.) ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one whom Moses wrote about in the book of the Law and whom the prophets also wrote about. He is Jesus son of Joseph, from Nazareth."

⁴⁶ "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," answered Philip.

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, he said about him, "Here is a real Israelite; there is nothing false in him!"

⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, "How do you know me?"

Jesus answered, "I saw you when you were under the fig tree before Philip called you."

⁴⁹ "Teacher," answered Nathanael, "you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

⁵⁰ Jesus said, "Do you believe just because I told you I saw you when you were under the fig tree? You will see much greater things than this!" ⁵¹ And he said to them, "I am telling you the truth: you will see heaven open and God's angels going up and coming down on the Son of Man."

BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS;

What do we learn from v43-45 about Philip?

Do you think he is excited, surprised or shocked at the thought that Jesus is the One the prophets have been writing about...?

What leads you to that conclusion? Why?

How does Nathanael react in v46-48?

How may you have reacted if you were in Nathanael?

Do you believe Jesus knows all there is to know about you?

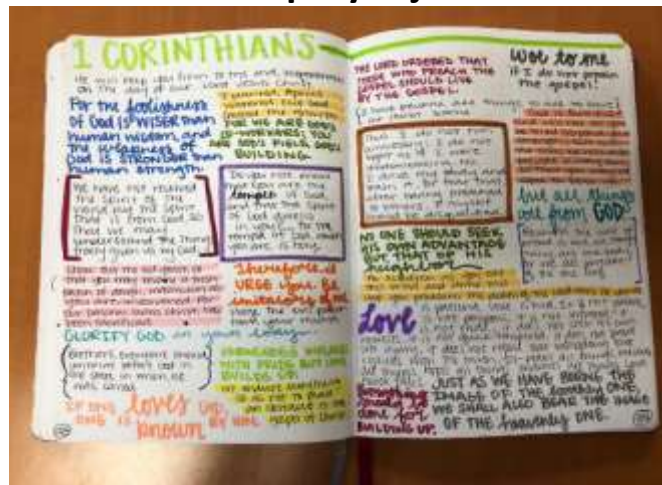
The disciples are well known for spreading the news of Jesus to their friends – have you a friend to thank for sharing the good news with you and once you heard Jesus' call and wanted to find out more about him did you tell your friends and invite them too?

In v50 Jesus asks Nathanael what brought him to believe – what makes you certain that Jesus is the promised Son of God?



"Nathanael said to him, 'How do you know me?' Jesus answered and said to him, 'Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.'" JOHN 1:48

Make a prayer journal



You will need: paper, pens, coloured card, a stapler, stickers, craft materials, glue..

- Think about using a prayer journal or diary to write or draw the things we see, hear or notice from God.
- Create an A5 booklet, using the card. Write 'Prayer Journal' on the front and decorate the front and back covers.
- Fold some white A4 paper and fix this inside of the cover using a stapler to make a booklet.
- Throughout the week add prayerful words, thoughts and drawings in a decorative way

