

Tell me what you mean.

TALKING: (continued)

Next hold up the card with the word "Call". Lead children to answer that Jesus called his 12 apostles, his 72 disciples, everyone he met, and he calls all of us to be his friends.

Hold up "Disciple". Affirm that this word means friend. And explain that a disciple is a friend who wants to learn to be more like their special friend. We are disciples of Jesus. Jesus is our special friend and we try each day to be more kind and loving like Jesus.

Now hold up the word "Vocation." Tell the children that your vocation is how you are called by God to live your life. Explain to them that their vocation now is to be a student. When they are older they

will have another vocation. Just as Jesus called his disciples to help him, he calls some of us today to be married people, priests, brothers, single people, sisters or deacons. People who follow these vocations are friends of Jesus who help spread God's word in the world today.

Next hold up the word "Missionary." Tell the children that a missionary is someone who goes to another land to tell the people there about God's love.

Hold up the last card that says "Holy" and "Happy." Ask what they think this phrase means. Affirm answers that convey the idea that we will have a holy and happy life if we listen to and share God's word and if we answer God's call to follow our vocation.

Leave cards where they can be seen.

DOING:

Option 1: Have the children "act out" the seven words you just discussed. Keep the skits short and simple.

For instance, two children might walk together holding hands to act out disciple (friendship). One child might play the role of God and "call" another child to a specific "vocation". Several children could act out a baptism ceremony.

Option 2: (For older students with good reading skills.) Pass out the Word Search exercise and have your students find the seven words you just described and the words naming people in lay and religious vocations.

PRAYING:

Gather students in the prayer center.

Listen to and sing "What Chu Say, Isaiah." Say that Isaiah was a messenger of God who lived many hundred years before Christ. He wrote a book in the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) in which he told the people that they should stay close to God because God would send the Messiah — Jesus.

Leader: God, our loving Creator, we ask your help in letting your words guide our lives. Help us to love your Son more each day. Help us, too, to share your words with everyone we meet now and when we are grown.

All: Amen.

Please find the 7 words we just discussed plus 6 words naming people in religious, lay and ordained vocations.

H V O R E S P O N S I B L E D
 E O R E E P A P H A P P Y P E
 M C L S B R O T H E R K P S A
 G A S I M I S S I O N A R Y C
 N T I N N E F B D E E S B L O
 O I N G F S J R K H S A W E N
 C O G H J T S O S A T C N T E
 A N L O V D S T T I U A F A D
 E B E L T S I H N R A L J R T
 D E I Y R A M E A J E L O B A
 L U T A E C C R M A R R I E D
 N P T G L P B A P T I S M L E
 H S I S T E R R E S P T K E N
 G A R D I S C I P L E S N C T
 P Y P R A S A C R A M E N T S

VOCATION
 HAPPY
 HOLY
 CALL
 MISSIONARY

BAPTISM
 DISCIPLE
 PRIEST
 SISTER

BROTHER
 DEACON
 MARRIED
 SINGLE

SCRIPTURE SPOTLIGHT:

Luke 6:12-16
 Luke 9:1-6

Luke 10:1-20
 John 1:1

H V O R E S P O N S I B L E D
 E O R E E P A P H A P P Y P E
 M C L S B R O T H E R K P S A
 G A S I M I S S I O N A R Y C
 N T I N N E F B D E E S B L O
 O I N G F S J R K H S A W E N
 C O G H J T S O S A T C N T E
 A N L O V D S T T I U A F A D
 E B E L T S I H N R A L J R T
 D E I Y R A M E A J E L O B A
 L U T A E C C R M A R R I E D
 N P T G L P B A P T I S M L E
 H S I S T E R R E S P T K E N
 G A R D I S C I P L E S N C T
 P Y P R A S A C R A M E N T S