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Q&A

When did Jesus begin his public ministry?

Who were the first two Apostles of Jesus?

Read more about it in Matthew 4

A Good News Story

Jesus Calls First Apostles

Catholic News Service

After Jesus was baptized, the Spirit led Him into the desert.

Jesus fasted in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights. He was very hungry after going without food for so long.

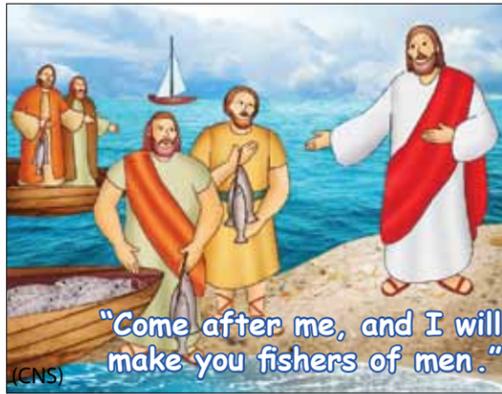
That's when the devil came to tempt Him.

The devil tried to talk Jesus into turning some stones into bread. When Jesus refused, the devil made Him stand on the top of the temple. The devil told Jesus to prove that He really was the Son of God by throwing Himself from the building and having angels catch Him before he reached the ground.

Again, Jesus said no.

The devil tried one more time to tempt Jesus. He took Jesus to a high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world. The devil said that he'd give Jesus all the kingdoms if only Jesus would bow down and worship him.

"Get away, Satan!" Jesus said firmly as He again told the devil no.



Bible Trivia

Who was James and John's father? (Hint: Mt 4:21)

Answer: Zebedee

The devil gave up and left.

After this time of temptation, Jesus began His public ministry in Galilee. He went to live in Capernaum and began to preach.

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," He told the people.

One day, Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee. He noticed some fisher-

men busy at work casting a net into the sea.

The two men were brothers — Simon, who was called Peter, and Andrew. Jesus went to talk to them.

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men," Jesus told them.

The men at once put down their fishing nets and followed Jesus.

As the new friends walked along, they saw another set of brothers, James and John, who were mending their fishing nets in a boat with their father.

Jesus called out to James and John and asked them to follow Him. The brothers left their father in the boat and went with Jesus, Peter and Andrew.

Jesus and His new friends traveled all around Galilee. Jesus taught in synagogues, proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured all who were ill.

As Jesus' fame spread, more and more people from near and far came to Him to be cured. And great crowds began to follow Jesus wherever He went.

Advent Begins On Dec. 2

Advent is all about waiting for the birth of the Baby Jesus. This year the season of waiting and preparation begins Dec. 2.

There are many prophecies throughout the Old Testament that predict the coming of Jesus as the Messiah.

For example, Isaiah 7:14 and 9:5 talk about Jesus' birth.

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign; the young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son, shall name Him Emmanuel" (Is 7:14).

"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon His shoulder dominion rests. They name Him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace" (Is 9:5).

Isaiah 60:6 refers to the Magi visiting the infant Jesus: "Caravans of camels shall cover you, dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and heralding the praises of the Lord."

This Advent, think of things your family might do to prepare for a new brother or sister. Would you buy blankets and diapers? Cribs and clothes? Maybe your family could buy some of these things and donate them to a nearby pregnancy center.



(Photos provided)

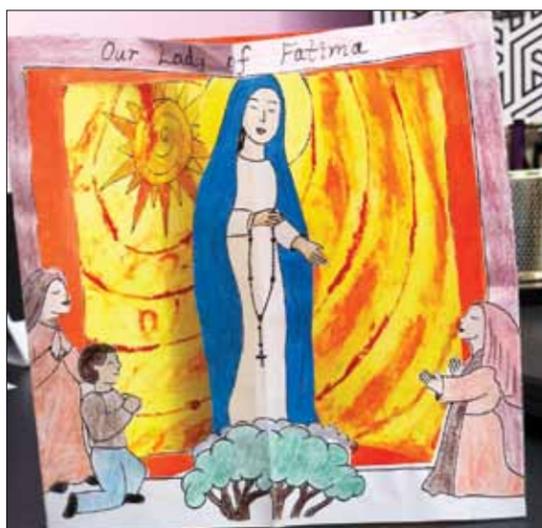
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Faith and Art

Second graders at Holy Angels School in Aurora colored Flat Jesus pictures (top row and bottom right) and filled in dialogue bubbles beginning "I can share in the Good News." Their teacher is Jen Berg. At St. Patrick School in St. Charles (bottom left), children colored images of Our Lady of Fatima and the shepherd children who became saints after delivering her message.



Our Lady of Fatima



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