



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

John 1: 29-34

The next day (John) saw Jesus coming towards him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

Some things to think about...

- In this story, St John the Baptist says "Behold the Lamb of God". When do you hear this in Mass?
- John says that Jesus "baptizes with the Holy Spirit", meaning he brings us hope and forgiveness.
- If we believe that the Spirit of God is in everyone, how should we treat others?

Activities

Complete the activity on the following page.

Teacher's Notes

St John the Baptist was a significant figure because he was a witness to Christ. Mini Vinnies are called to be witnesses and spread the Good News by seeing God in everyone. In this passage, John shares the Good News that Jesus is the Son Of God, and shows the connection between God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

This week's activity is a reflection on seeing the Holy Spirit in everyone and asks your group to talk about how we would treat people if we saw God's spirit in them. This also links with St Vincent de Paul's quote: "Make it a practice to judge persons and things in the most favorable light at all times and under all circumstances".

Notes:

Holy Spirit Eyes

Activity

Imagine the dove as a symbol of the Holy Spirit resting on you, just like in the Gospel.

If I really saw God's Spirit in other people, how would I treat them?

Write one sentence on your dove that finishes one of these sentences:

- Seeing the Holy Spirit in others means I will...
- As part of God's family, I will...
- To follow Jesus this week, I will...
- If I look for the good in people like St Vincent did, I will...

Here are a couple of examples to help you:

As part of God's family, I will invite others into our games in the playground.

If I look like look for the good in people like St Vincent did, I will listen carefully to what others are telling me.

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If I really saw God's Spirit in other people, how would I treat them?



Write your sentence on your dove first, then decorate it.