



Diocese of Arlington

2010 Vocation Lesson Plan Two

7-8

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Objective:

To realize that prayer is essential for baptized Christians in discovering their call to serve.

Materials:

Bible

Music

Activity Sheet: *Listen!*

Procedure:

Refer back to Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7. What was God asking his chosen servant to do? Name at least 5 types of service you can do and how they serve God's people. You may want to discuss a service project for the class to do. Invite students to become quieted for prayer.

Activity:

Introduce the prayer service with the following or something similar: Consider that before Jesus did anything important He went off by Himself and prayed. Before He began His public ministry after John baptized Him, He prayed for forty days. Before he gave the Sermon on the Mount, He prayed alone. Before He chose His apostles, He prayed for guidance. Before He entered into His passion and death, He prayed with His disciples at the Last Supper and in the Garden of Gethsemane. (Reading the passages of Scripture for these would be good.)

Praying before acting is a virtue of the disciples of Christ. Praying for guidance is sometimes called praying for discernment or for an understanding of God's will so it can be accomplished. Discerning requires listening.

Jesus taught us to pray. How did He do that? *By giving us the Our Father*

Together pray SLOWLY the Our Father and think about how He may be asking you to follow and serve Him.

Have you ever been to a museum? Maybe you saw and admired a dish that was 1000 years old. Someone created it to use on a table, to carry or hold something, to serve others in its own unique way. The potter never considered that the bowl might be admired by people hundreds of years later. Like the bowl, God created us to serve others in our own unique way.

Distribute Activity Sheet: *Listen!*