

ALIVE IN CHRIST

GRADE 1

Jesus Christ

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Our Sunday Visitor

Friends of God

Let Us Pray

Leader: We trust in you always, O Lord.

“Blessed the man who sets
his security in the LORD.” **Psalm 40:5**

All: We trust in you always, O Lord. Amen.

God's Word

“But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father.”

Matthew 5:44-45

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What Do You Wonder?

- Who do you trust?
- When has it been hard to show kindness?



Jesus visits the home of two sisters named Martha and Mary.



Underline what Saints did more than anything.

Holy People

What does Jesus ask you to do?

Saints are God's friends and heroes of the Church. They led holy lives here on Earth. They showed their love for God more than anything. They now live with God and the **angels** forever in Heaven.

You can learn from the Bible how to be God's friend.



God's Word

Martha and Mary

Jesus visited two sisters named Martha and Mary. Mary sat next to Jesus and listened to everything he said. Martha did all the cooking and cleaning. She was doing all the work! Martha started to get angry with her sister.

Martha said to Jesus, "Mary is making me do all the work. Please tell her to help me!" Jesus told Martha not to worry. He said that Mary was doing the most important thing, which was to listen to him. **Based on Luke 10:38-42**

Family of Saints

Saints are **holy** people. They are filled with the Holy Spirit. Holy people serve God with love.

Catholics celebrate many Saints. You are part of the Catholic Church and her family of Saints! You are connected to the Saints who lived before you. You are also connected to holy people who live now.

Catholic Faith Words

Saint a hero of the Church who loved God very much, led a holy life, and is now with God in Heaven.

angel a type of spiritual being that does God's work, such as delivering messages from God or helping to keep people safe from harm

holy unique and pure; set apart for God and his purposes

Share Your Faith

Think Write the name of someone you know who serves God.

Share Tell a partner about this person. Talk about ways you can serve God.



Saint Anthony

All Kinds of Saints

How do Saints show their love?



Stories about the Saints help you learn how to be holy. Saints are heroes of the Church. They loved God very much and led holy lives. Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is the first and greatest of the Saints.

Mary is the Mother of God, and our Mother, too. She loves and cares for us just as she did for Jesus.

➔ How can we thank Mary for her love?

A Simple Man



Saint Juan Diego was visited by Our Lady of Guadalupe on his way to Mass. He spent the rest of his life sharing his story with others.



A King



Saint Louis IX of France was a powerful man. He used his position as king to help care for the sick and less fortunate. He served meals near his palace to people in need.



The Daughter of a Warrior



Saint Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American to become a Saint. She devoted her life to prayer, penance, and those who were sick or old.



Connect Your Faith

Matching Read the descriptions below. Match each description with a holy person on these pages. Write the number in the box next to the person's picture.

1. Used his position to help feed and take care of others.
2. Shared his vision with others.
3. Devoted herself to a life of prayer and penance.

Our Catholic Life

How can you be a Saint?

Saints are not just people who lived a long time ago. God wants you to be a Saint, too! You are God's friend. Jesus shows you how to be holy, and the Holy Spirit helps you live a holy life every day.

Here are some ways you can show that you are God's friend.



Place an X next to the things you do already.

Ways to Be God's Friend

- Think about other people, not just yourself.
- Treat everyone with kindness.
- Help when someone needs you.
- Pray every day.
- Learn more about God.
- Try your best to do what is right.
- Love others as Jesus did.

People of Faith

Saint Dominic, 1170–1221

Saint Dominic was a very good speaker. He told people about Jesus. When he talked about God, people came from all over to listen. They wanted to be holy like Dominic. He said that hearing about God wasn't enough. He said that if you want to be holy, you need to praise God and bless other people. He also said that it is more important to be good and do the right thing than to talk all the time.



August 8

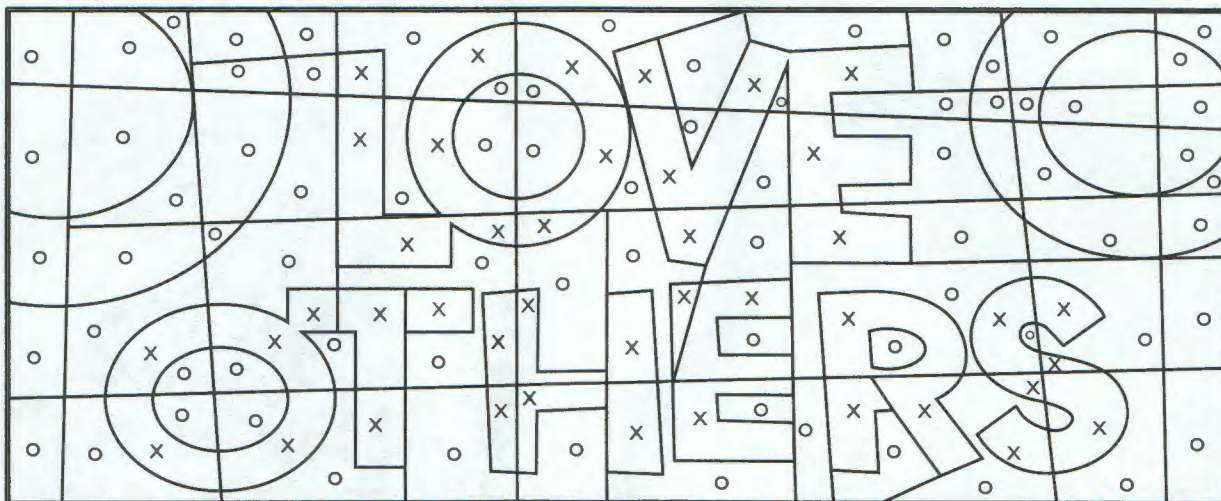
Discuss: What good thing have you done today?



Learn more about Saint Dominic at aliveinchrist.osv.com

Live Your Faith

Being a Saint Color the X's red and the O's another color to find the hidden message.



 Let Us Pray

Litany of the Saints

Gather and begin with the Sign of the Cross.

Leader: When we pray with the Saints, we ask them to pray with us and for us. Holy Mary,

All: pray for us.

Leader: Saint Juan Diego,


All: pray for us.

Leader: Saint Louis IX,

All: pray for us.

Leader: Saint Kateri,

All: pray for us.

 Sing "Oh, When the Saints"

Oh, when the saints go marching in;
 Oh, when the saints go marching in;
 Oh, Lord, I want to be
 in that number,
 when the saints go
 marching in.



YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explains how Saints are people who loved God very much, did his work on Earth, and are with him in Heaven.

God's Word



Read **Matthew 5:44–45** to learn how God wants us to love those who mistreat us.

Catholics Believe

- Saints are heroes of the Church who can show us how to live.
- People in the Church are called to live holy lives, as Mary and all the Saints did.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #956–958 at uscgb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Dominic, the founder of the Order of Preachers, called the Dominicans, whose special gifts help them spread the Gospel.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Holy People Every child has heroes. Some “heroes” are better examples than others. “Heroes” can also differ in their longevity. The Saints, on the other hand, are great examples, and they have staying power. Children can relate to Saints because they are real people who lived the Catholic life in their own time and situation. In order to fully take advantage of the great examples Saints can be, it’s important that kids have an opportunity to learn not only of their extraordinary virtue, but also the ways in which the Saints’ daily lives were ordinary. This helps us to relate and connect with the Saints as real human beings.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

How does your child feel when he or she is chosen to do something special?

When a teacher or coach gives your child an opportunity to let his/her gifts or talents shine, it is a real moment of joy. How different our lives would be if we were more conscious that God has called each of us to use the gifts and talents he has given us to transform the world. “God calls all the members of the Church to fidelity to the union with him begun at Baptism and continued in the other Sacraments” (*USCCA, p. 146*). We are indeed chosen and it should give us joy.

LET'S TALK >>>

- Talk about your favorite Saints. Who were they and what did they do?
- Ask your child to think of some ways he or she can live a holy life.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Dominic, pray for us that we may be good listeners when people tell us about God. Amen.



For a multimedia glossary of Catholic Faith Words, Sunday readings, seasonal and Saint resources, and chapter activities go to aliveinchrist.osv.com.

Chapter 12 Review

A Work with Words Circle the correct answer.

1. The greatest Saint is _____.

Saint Louis IX

Mary

2. To be holy means to be set apart for _____.

God

Mary

3. You are _____.

God's Father

God's friend

B Check Understanding Trace the words to answer the questions.

4. What do we call heroes of the Church who loved God, lived holy lives, and are now with God in Heaven?

Saints

5. What do we call the spiritual beings that do God's work?

angels

