God’s Word for Children

All Saints

Jesus taught us about the kinds of people who are blessed by God. This teaching is called the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12a). Draw a line from each speech bubble on the left to the one on the right that will complete what Jesus said.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are they who mourn, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who hunger . . . for righteousness, for they will be comforted.
ANYONE CAN BE A SAINT

On November 1 the Church celebrates All Saints Day. The Church dedicates each day of the year to a particular saint. Sometimes saints share a feast day, since they may have lived in different parts of the world. These people are individuals who are officially recognized by the Church as having led good and holy lives and are believed to be with God in heaven. But on November 1 we celebrate all holy people, saints who are named and those who are not.

On May 13, 2017, Pope Francis canonized—that is, officially declared for all to believe and honor—two new saints. One was only 10 years old, the other was only 9. St. Francisco de Jesús Marto and his sister, St. Jacinta de Jesús Marto, were very young when, with their cousin Lúcia Santos, they first witnessed the appearance of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Fátima, in Portugal. This appearance occurred on May 13, 1917, one hundred years before these young saints were canonized. Francisco and Jacinta lived for only a few years after witnessing the appearances of Mary. During that time they lived a very quiet life of prayer, honoring Mary and praising God. They both died in the worldwide outbreak of influenza that began in 1918.

You don’t have to be an adult to be a saint. You don’t have to be rich to be a saint. You don’t have to have a special job or live a certain kind of life. The only thing necessary to become a saint is to spend your whole life trying to live as God wants us to live. Even if you don’t do it perfectly, the important thing is to keep on trying.

Are you the same age as Jacinta (9) or Francisco (10)—or even younger? Can you name some steps you’ve taken that have set you on the road to sainthood? Write some of your saintly actions in the footsteps. Ask yourself, “What do I try to do to live as God wants me to?”
See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

1 John 3:1
GOD’S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

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Jesus said, "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."

Rv 7: 2-4, 9-14
1 Jn 3: 1-3
Ps 24: 1-4, 5-6
Mt 5: 1-12

Directions: List some ways you can show mercy to others.

1. 

2. 

3. 

4. 

5. 

Who is my neighbor?

1. Think of the children in your neighborhood and school.
2. Are you closer friends with some over others?
3. Why do you think that is?
4. How do you treat those who are different than you compared to the people you are closer friends with?
5. Would God be pleased with your behavior?

ALL people are your neighbors!
God was not just talking about those who live next to you or the ones who are like you, BUT ALL PEOPLE!
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Directions: Everyone can be part of God’s kingdom. Color your friends and neighbors below.
Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.

Directions: Draw a picture of yourself looking up to God in heaven.
Letters from Heaven

Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

In his teaching of the Beatitudes, Jesus said, "Blessed are the meek, for they will ...

H L I
E A N E
N R H T
D I T

Answer: Inherit the land.

Let us follow the command of Jesus Christ: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Bl. Bernhard Lichtenberg
German priest and who spoke out against the concentration camps during World War II. He died in 1943 while being transported to the Dachau concentration camp.

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John had a vision of angels and a great crowd of people, all worshiping at the throne of God (see Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14).
Look at the arrow on each angel.
Use the words below to write the direction in which each is pointed.

up  right  left  down
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