



# SHINE LIKE SAINTS

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KIDS ASSEMBLY TOPIC

## Kids Assembly Topic for November 2021

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### Objectives:

At the end of the Kids Assembly, MFC Kids will be able to:

1. Understand that we are all called to shine like Saints.
2. Be inspired to live out the life of Holiness in our own simple way.
3. Make friends with a saint and ask for their intercession/intervention.



### I. MOTIVATION

**Activity:** JUST DANCE KIDS! (When the Saints Go Marching In!)

#### Directions:

- The facilitator will play the video so that the kids will get to familiarize the song and the dance first. (The facilitator may download the video or play it from Youtube)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MwRGZ6OgZf0>
- Then the facilitator will play it again – but this time, he/she will encourage the kids to sing and dance the song “When the Saints Go Marching In”
- The facilitator may add some dynamics to the dancing. He/she may let the boys dance first and vice versa. Enjoy and have fun!

**Processing:** A saint is a person who is believed to be especially close to God! As kids, we also want to be close to God. And as the lyrics of the song says - "When the Saints go marching in, Lord, how I want to be in that number!" How we want to be there - to be one with them with God.



## II. HEAD

We are towards the end of the calendar year of the Catholic Church. At the start of this month we also celebrated the All Saints' Day! All Saints' Day is a holy day in the Catholic Christian calendar set aside to honor all the saints. Generally, it is often held annually on November 1. Every year, many Catholics and other Christians around the world observe All Saints Day, which honors all saints of the church deemed to have attained heaven.



## III. HEART

Do you know who are these people called saints? Saints are holy people! They are ordinary people but lived amazingly! Saints like Saint Therese of Lisieux, Saint Joseph, and Saint Nicholas - they are special people who bring so much love into the world! Who are these saints? Who are these people?

In a simple comparison, saints are like...

The sun: they shine far beyond their lives!

Reflectors on a bike; they shine the light of God into the dark world!

Living information signs pointing towards God!

And many more!

And with these, Jesus wants us to be like them – to be future saints too! We are called to be like them. He wants us to shine like these saints in our little

ways! We can be the future saints of this generation. So how can we shine like these saints?

### **1. Pray Well!**

All Saints in heaven pray well when they are still here on earth. And we can do that too! What does praying means to us? Praying means –

Talking to God.

Giving your heart to God.

Listening to Him.

Thanking Him

And telling Him everything!

We also pray the rosary w/ our family members and attend Mass with them. As **St. Padre Pio says “Pray, Hope and don’t worry.”**

### **2. Study Well!**

Studying can make us saints in the making! By actively developing good studying and learning skills, you can keep your motivation high and learn life virtues! These good habits can inspire you to help other children as well. Again, Jesus wants us to be good students. He wants us to be the best version of ourselves. We can pray this simple prayer and ask for the intercession of Saint Thomas Aquinas.

"Dear Jesus, bless us in our school today. Fill our hearts with joy. Fill our minds with knowledge. Help us grow in love and kindness and be more like Jesus everyday. Amen."

**Saint Thomas Aquinas, pray for us!**

### **3. Play Well!**

Let us enjoy playing. We are not to compete but we are to enjoy every single day that we play! Playing promotes healthy development and social skills. It strengthens memory and helps you explore the world — and your role in it. Children should learn how things fit together through play!

We are not just talking about playing with our gadgets, but playing sports and physical activities with your family members! In this way, we get to appreciate them and their love for us. In this way, we feel God's love, and makes us love Him back! **As St. John Bosco says "Run, Jump, Shout but do not sin."**

Let us enjoy our childhood but remember not to sin!



## IV. HANDS

### A. For Kids at Play (3-4 years old)

Activity 1: Coloring Activity

Materials:

- Printed copy of handout (Please see Appendix A)
- Coloring Materials

### B. For First Step (5-6 years old), Foot Step (8-10 years old), and Step-up (10-12 years old)

Activity: **Monstrance Making**

Materials:

- Golden Paper Plate/ (if you don't have gold paper play; white/brown paper plate will do)
- Golden Crepe paper/ (if you don't have gold crepe paper; white/yellow paper will do)
- Scotch tape/Double sided tape
- Cross image from a paper cut
- Beads
- Glue
- Marker
- Scissor
- Empty Toilet Paper roll (2-3pcs)

### **Step by step Instructions:**

- a. Prepare all the materials needed.
- b. Cut the golden paper plate or any paper plate into a cross-shaped form.
- c. Cut a small cross-shaped piece using the colored paper - smaller than the paper plate cross.
- d. Place the small cross at the middle of the paper plate cross using the tape/glue.
- e. Use three pieces of empty toilet paper rolls as a stand of the monstrance by putting tape/glue on each piece.
- f. Cover the monstrance stand with golden paper or yellow paper.
- g. You can put some beads to the monstrance to add more design to it (optional)
- h. Place the paper plate cross on the top of the stand using double-sided tape.

**Video Instructions:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IAveb6HJhs4>

**Processing:** We made this monstrance activity for us to be reminded that one way to shine like Saints is to always exposed ourselves to the real source of Light; Jesus. Being in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, sanctify our soul and help us to receive the Grace that we need to shine like Jesus.

### **C. Step Up (11-12 years old)**

**Activity:** Household

**Discussion question:**

- Is it hard to shine like Saints? Why or Why not?
- What are your simple steps for you to Shine like the Saints?



#### IV. TAKE AWAY

The Saints understood the value of a good friend. Friends that encourage us and inspire us in our faith are an essential part of the Christian life. Truly, a true friend is difficult to find and when we do find one, we should do all we can to maintain that friendship.

Do you have a saint friend? Who is your favorite among the thousands of saints? Make friends with a saint now! Go!



Here is our Voyager's badge for this month! Good job Voyagers!



## **RECITATION OF MFC KIDS PROMISE**

### **1. I will imitate Jesus.**

- I will pray to God and read the Bible every day.
- I will make Jesus as my role model by obeying rules and doing good in school.

### **2. I will be a good family member.**

- I will be a good son/daughter to my parents by obeying and respecting them.
- I will be a good sister/brother to my siblings through sharing and supporting them.

### **3. I will be an active member of MFC Kids**

- I will always attend and participate in all MFC Kids activities.
- I will share my time, talents and treasures to others especially to my brothers and sisters in MFC Kids
- I will love, respect and be loyal to my MFC Kids family.

### **4. I will tell others about Jesus.**

- I will love my brothers and sisters, relatives, and friends by doing good deeds everyday that will reflect God's love.
- I will serve in our Parish Church.
- I will love the poor by sharing what I have with them

Appendix A



## **Dear Parents/Guardians,**

Thank you for letting your child/children participate in our Kids Assembly this month. We honor your patience and love for your kid/s that you allowed them to hear God's messages for them. This month, we talked about saints and how to be like them. We gave examples of some of our saints to be their influencers. We also share with them how to shine like the saints and imitate Jesus in their lives.

Since you, the parents are the primary educators & evangelizes of your children, we invite and encourage you to do the following activities that would make you and your child/children appreciate these saints!

**1. Storytelling Time** - If a saint has any writings of his or her own, that's going to be the best way to get your children know them. For whatever interest, hobby, passion, or profession you have, there is most likely a patron saint for it! Different saints offer different charisms and different ways of approaching holiness. Get to know one and share it with your kid!

**2. Saint Costume Time** – Dress up like a saint! Saints costumes don't have to be complicated, and they can be fun and easy to put together! Select a saint that you want them to represent. You can choose the simplest costume that you have in your home to pull off the saint you want for them.

### **3. Memorization Time** - Let your kids memorize The Lord's Prayer!

Let us all pray the prayer that God taught us –

“Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.”

After doing the activities, we encourage you to post these on your social media accounts so that you can inspire other parents and families to journey with their kids. Use these hashtags - #MFCKids #ParentChildActivity #MomentsThatMatter

Thank you much and we hope to be with your kid/s next month!

**MFC Kids Team**