

BLESSED WITH THE SAINTS

NOVEMBER 2022 KIDS ASSEMBLY TOPIC



Kids Assembly Topic for November 2022

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Objectives:

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

- Know Jesus by getting to know the Saints
- Realize that saints are blessed beyond bounds too. q
- Make Saints their inspiration as they live like Jesus

I. MOTIVATIONS

Just Dance: When the Saints Go Marching In

Materials: Downloaded Video (bit.ly/WhenTheSaintsGoMarchVideo)

Instruction:

- 1. Let the kids watch the dance video and let them follow the steps.
- 2. Separate the boys from girls. Girls on the right side and boys on the left side.
- 3. The two groups will compete to see who has the most accurate dance steps.
- 4. The facilitator will then judge who wins the dance showdown.



On the first day of November, the Catholic Church celebrates All Saints' Day. We honor them because they are people who lived lives of holiness on earth and now, they are sharing eternal life with God in heaven. In fact, many of the great saints in the Church were just children.

Here are few inspiring Saints who, from a very early age, dedicated themselves to God:

- 1. **St. Jacinta Marto.** Died at the age of 10 due to influenza just three years after seeing visions of an angel and Our Lady while tending sheep in Fatima, Portugal.
- St. Francisco Marto. Sibling of St. Jacinta, was also one of the three children blessed with a vision of Our Lady of Fatima. St. Francisco died at the age of 11 due to influenza.
- 3. **St. Maria Goretti.** Was just 11 years old when she died as a result of stab wounds from an attacker. She adamantly refused his advances to maintain her purity.
- 4. **St. Tarcisius.** Is known as a "martyr of the Eucharist" because at the age of 12 he was beaten by a gang of boys when he refused to hand over the Holy Eucharist that he was transporting.

5. **St. Kizito.** Was the youngest of the Martyrs of Uganda and was burned alive for his faith at the age of 14.

Note to Speaker: You can research more about the biography of the above saints or you can also add young saints to be an example for the kids.

These saints keep their promises to God by doing good things here on earth. We are also called to be saints in our own way.

WIII. HEART

As we strive to become saints in the making, we should do these things so that we may grow in love and in faith with the Lord.

- 1. GET TO KNOW THE SAINTS. Take time to learn about the saints and their stories. You will get a chance to learn more about the miracles that God has done in their lives. They were just ordinary people who loved and served Jesus wholeheartedly. Make them your inspiration in striving for holiness.
- 2. DO LITTLE ACTS OF LOVE. Do little acts of love for Jesus each day. We are to imitate and do what Jesus did. We can make little sacrifices for others by helping and showing respect to our family, friends, elders and others, by taking time to talk or visit our friends, by sharing what we have with those in need and even by helping out in doing chores in our home.

3. Pray always. Saints were just ordinary people who did extraordinary things because their strength came from the Lord, they were very connected to Him because of prayer, they spent time and talked to God every day. Let us also spend time with God in prayer every day not because we are asking something from Him but because it is our way of expressing our love to Him.

The saints, especially those young men and women we discussed earlier, remind us that we are never too young to put our trust in the Lord and live completely for Him. Let these young saints inspire you and your family to live a life of holiness.



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

Activity: Saint in the Making Coloring

Materials:

- Printed coloring page/paper
 (download here: <u>bit.ly/SaintInTheMakingColoring</u>)
- Crayons
- Color Pens

Mechanics:

Have the children color the image.

B. First Step (5-7 years old) & Foot Step (8-10 years old)

Activity: Catholic Saints Banner

Materials:

- Printed Pictures of different Saints (Download the materials here: <u>bit.ly/PrintableSaints</u>)
- Colored Papers
- Yarn
- Scissor
- Puncher
- Glue/Tape



Instructions:

- Ask the kids to cut out the colored papers into triangle forming a banner
- 2. Cut out the printed pictures of different saints.
- 3. Ask the kids to glue the pictures in the cut out triangles. They can make as many as they want.
- 4. Use a puncher to create holes and then insert the yarn.
- 5. Hang the Catholic Saints Banner in your Kids Assembly venue or at their house if online.

C. Step Up (11-12 years old)

Household Questions:

- Who's your favorite superhero? What super strength do you like about him/her?
- Do you have a talent/gift/superpowers that you can use for the good of others?

Jesus is our ultimate image of a superhero. And the Saints too, are the catholic superheroes who used their time, talent and treasure to spread the love of Jesus to everyone. We can also be like them if we use the gifts that we have for the good of others.



The saints can help us in so many ways. They are our prayer warriors in heaven. And by praying with the saints, we can grow closer to God.

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 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 by 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 with others,
 especially with 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 every day 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

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for letting your kids attend our Kids Assembly this month and for being one with us in believing that they are never too young to know Christ. We honor your love and passion in making your child/ren closer to the Lord.

Our topic this month is about Blessed with the Saints. We believe that the saints are the perfect role model that they can look up to and aspire to be. As a parent, you can help them to befriend the saints, by encouraging them to do the following activities with you:

1. Read saint-themed books.

Read one page together in the morning each day about a specific saint. It will give you and your kids some beautiful wisdom to reflect on throughout the day, and as young as they are, those words can start to sink into their hearts as they gaze at the adorable pictures! There are so many excellent saint books out there from Catholic publishers and even online these days.

2. Celebrate their feast days.

Celebrating the feast days of the saints really makes them come to life for children. It's kind of like going to a friend's birthday party – a special treat or activity can make the day so much sweeter for kids, and associating it with someone they know in heaven will make them enjoy a relationship with them that much more.

3. Display pictures of them in your home.

Frame pictures of your children's favorite saints or display a small statue of them from your local Catholic bookstore in your child's room. Just like you put pictures of your family around your home, make sure you have some pictures of close members of your heavenly family around, too!

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

MFC Kids Team