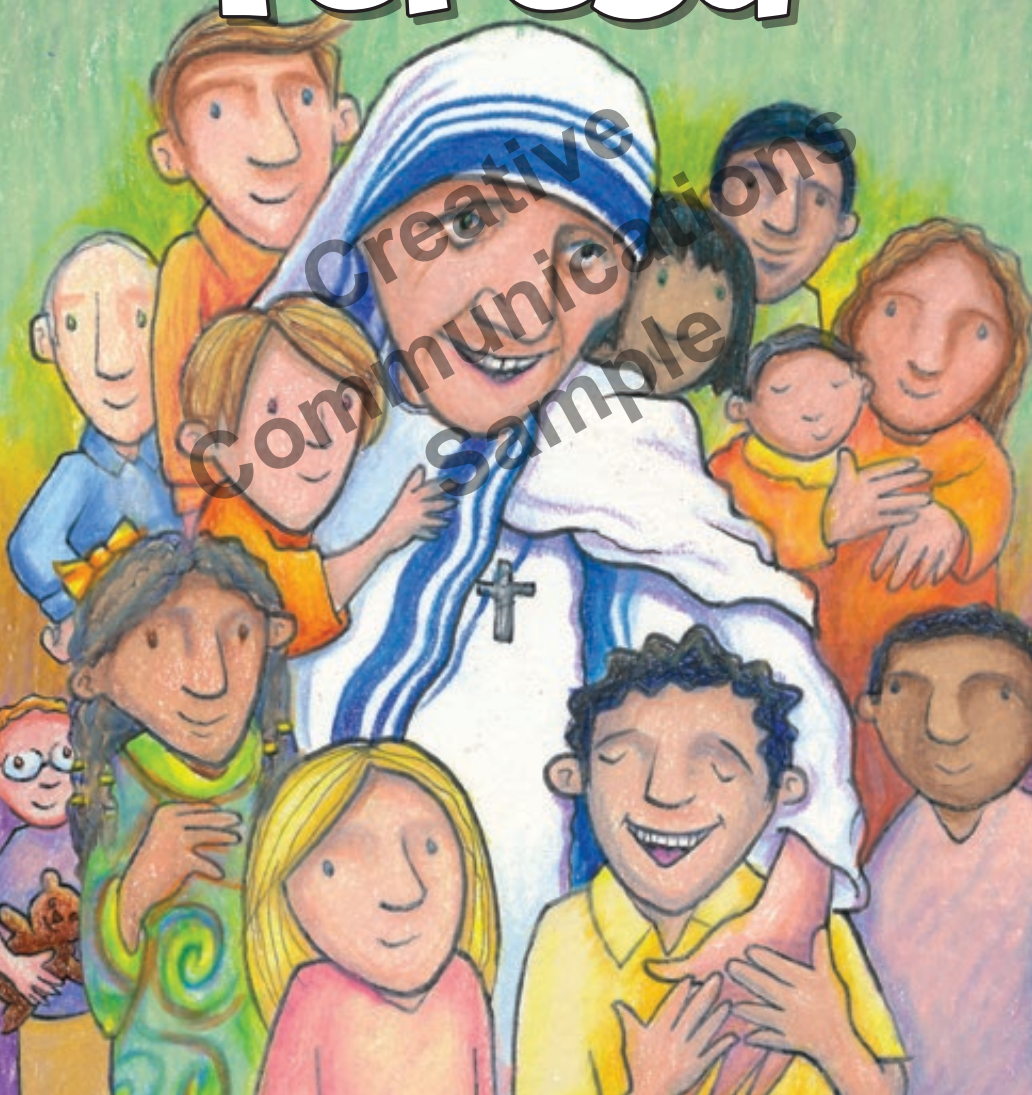


Living Faith Kids

Meet Mother Teresa



changing the world with a smile

What makes you happy? For St. Teresa of Calcutta, real happiness meant living among the poorest people of the world. It meant caring for people who were sick or covered with sores. It meant holding the hand of a dying person or taking care of orphans as her own children. How could helping the world's most unwanted and unloved people fill anyone with so much joy? Put the Scripture passages in this book together with the story of St. Teresa of Calcutta, also known as Mother Teresa. You'll start to understand how this beautiful saint found happiness as she changed the world—one person at a time.



Words
from the
BIBLE

Amen...whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me. Matthew 25:40

Who Was Mother Teresa?

The saint known around the world as Mother Teresa of Calcutta wasn't always called Mother, or Teresa. And she wasn't born in Calcutta, either. She was born in 1910 in a large city in Southeastern Europe called Skopje (SKOPE-yee-ah). That's in a country now known as Macedonia.

Her parents named the youngest of their three children Anjezë (AN-yee-ah). In English, you could call her Agnes. Like most kids, Agnes had lots of interests. She liked to sing and write. Agnes often came along when her mom cared for the poor and elderly in Skopje. "Never eat a single meal," her mother used to say, "unless you are sharing it with others."

Agnes' family prayed the rosary together every day and went to church, where Agnes was captivated by stories of missionaries in Africa and India. Every August her family made a pilgrimage to a little chapel in the nearby Balkan Mountains. It was here that 12-year-old Agnes heard God calling her to be a missionary.



follow in her

FOOTSTEPS

I look for Jesus in every person—
especially the poor, sick and lonely.

You're on your way to being a saint!

Every time you see these footprints, think about something you can do today. Then place a sticker anywhere to show how you are following in St. Teresa's footsteps!

**Every person is Christ for me,
and since there is only one Jesus,
that person is the one person
in the world at that moment.**

Words
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ST. TERESA

A Missionary Journey That Lasted a Lifetime

After hearing that call in her heart from God, Agnes spent six years doing the usual things that teens do. She joined her church youth group and even wrote for the local newspaper. And she prayed. Finally she made her decision, and at 18, she joined the Loreto Sisters to become a missionary.

follow in her FOOTSTEPS

I remember that Jesus loves me, so I share my love with others, even if I am feeling sad myself.

First she was sent to Ireland to learn English because that was the language taught in India's schools at the time. Then she went to India for her novitiate (no VISH-ee-et). That's a time of preparation and prayer for the religious life. She took the name Sister Mary Teresa after St. Thérèse

of Lisieux, the patron saint of the missions. When she took her final vows, she became known as Mother Teresa and went to work as a teacher in **Calcutta, India.**



Words
from the
BIBLE

Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. Matthew 19:14

"I go to give them Joy."

Although she loved teaching and saw education as a way to tackle poverty, Mother Teresa couldn't ignore the misery all around her. In 1943, a terrible famine broke out in India, and millions of people died of starvation and disease, often in the streets. So in her free time, Mother Teresa visited the poorest areas of Calcutta, known as the "bustees," or slums. Whenever she arrived at the mud-covered alleyways and shacks, bone-thin children raced out to greet her. They lovingly called her Mother, or just "Ma."



"I cannot help them, because I do not have anything," Mother Teresa wrote. "But I go to give them joy." It was around this time she made a promise to God that she would never refuse anything he asked of her. And sure enough, God asked Mother Teresa for something big.



**If only one little unhappy child
is made happy with the love of Jesus,...
will it not be worth...giving all for that?**

**Words
from
ST. TERESA**

Meet Mother Teresa

St. Teresa of Calcutta once promised

Jesus that she would never refuse anything he asked of her. So when Jesus asked her to care for the poorest of the poor, the lonely, the forgotten and the dying, St. Teresa did it all. And it filled her with joy and happiness. In this booklet, kids can learn all about this amazing saint. Colorful stickers can help them imitate St. Teresa by doing small things with great love.

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