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Day - 7

Theme – I am a Child of God

Bible verse

1 John 3:1- *“See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.”*

Aspiration: Come Holy Spirit; fill my heart with your love.

Story time

Hey kids, its story time!!! Let's see what's happening with Jane and grandma today.

As soon as Uncle Neil and aunt Celine left the house, our curious little Jane started asking grandma all the doubts she had. And her first question was, *“Grandma, what function were they inviting us to?”*

Grandma replied: *“They invited us for baby Rosa's baptism”.*

Little Jane became all the more excited and asked: *“What is baptism?”*

“That is a big question, dear. Come and sit here”, said Grandma.

She continued, *“Baptism is a very important event of our life. It is a sacrament, a special sign given to us by Jesus. It is a sign of God's love.*

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There are seven sacraments, and the first sacrament we receive is Baptism. When we're born, we all have the first of all sins, called original sin. It was the one committed by our first parents, Adam and Eve. When we get baptized, original sin gets washed off, and we become a child of God forever. Now that we have become pure, we also receive a great gift from God- we get filled with the Holy Spirit. From that day, Holy Spirit will be with you, to help you, to guide you, to bring you closer to God."

Jane's eyes were sparkling with joy. She asked grandma, *"Grandma! Grandma! Am I baptized?"*

"Yes, dear", grandma replied. Jane was jumping up high when she started telling, *"So, I am also a child of God. Holy Spirit lives in me. Wow!!!"*

Do you know all of you are baptized and you are all children of God? Isn't that exciting? Now that you are pure it is your duty to stay that away all through your life and who can help us to do that? Yes. The Holy Spirit. So always pray to Holy Spirit to not let you do anything that can make you impure.

Do you want to see what happened during baptism of Jesus?

Watch this video: https://youtu.be/uf_ahdSQGtg

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Saint of The Day

ST. MARIA GORETTI

It was one of those days where you can sit outside to do your work. Maria was sewing up a shirt while her mother and siblings were out on the farm working. A young man she knew, Alessandro, snuck up on her and began to attack her.

“No, no you mustn’t! What you are doing is a sin!” screamed Maria.

Alessandro stabbed her many times. A couple of days later she died from those wounds. Before she died, she forgave her attacker and promised to pray for him. She said: “I forgive Alessandro Serenelli...and I want him with me in heaven forever.”

Maria had been born into a Catholic family on October 16, 1890. Her family was very poor after Maria’s father died, but her family’s love for God never wavered. Every day Maria’s mother and brothers and sisters went out into the fields to work. Maria stayed behind and took care of all the household responsibilities including cooking, sewing, and taking care of the youngest child, Teresa, who was still too young to work out in the fields. (Can you imagine having all those responsibilities when you were only twelve years old? Having to cook all of dinner? Maybe the next time your mom asks you to set

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the table, think about all the chores St. Maria had and don't complain!)

After Alessandro attacked Maria, he was captured and sent to prison for thirty years. At first he wasn't sorry for his sin. Then one day he had a dream. In the dream, he was sitting in a garden with Maria and she gave him a bunch of lilies. When he took them, the flowers burned his hands. Upon awakening, Alessandro was a changed man, sorry for his sins.

When Alessandro was released from prison, he found Maria's mother and asked for forgiveness. She responded, "If my daughter can forgive him, who am I to withhold forgiveness?"

On June 24, 1950 Maria Goretti was declared a saint by Pope Pius XII. Alessandro was present at the beatification.

Eventually, Alessandro joined the order of Friars Minor Capuchin as a lay brother. He worked there as both a gardener and receptionist until his death. Maria is known as a martyr because she would rather die than commit a sin and then she forgave her attacker.

Feast day: July 6

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St. Maria Goretti, pray for us!

Let's watch a video about this saint:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9fqZ517Z9YY>

Virtue: Forgiveness

Action song:

Watch Action Song here: <https://youtu.be/ZYrNXZtWw4Y>

Quiz:

Matthew Chapter 3

For kids, parents please read Matthew Chapter 3 verses 13-17 to them and

show them this video: https://youtu.be/uf_ahdSQGtg