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Day 9

Call to Holiness

Theme - A call to be good girls and good boys

Bible verse

1 Peter 1: 15 "Be holy, because I am holy."

Aspiration

Jesus, I love you

Story time

It was a lovely morning. When Jane woke up, she went downstairs and was looking for her grandma. Grandma just reached home from church after attending the Holy Mass.

"Grandma... what did Jesus say when you went to church today? Did you tell Him that I am good? Actually, I wanted to come with you, grandma...but... Jesus must be angry with me." Sadly, said Jane.

Grandma looked at her with surprise and said, "Jesus was asking about you a lot today. I told Jesus that Jane is a very good girl, and then you know what? Jesus told me a secret.... but before I tell you that secret, I want to know why do you think Jesus is angry with you? Tell me Jane...what did you do?"

Jane looked down feeling so shameful... "Well, grandma...please don't tell anyone...When the church was open, I never took part in Holy Mass properly. I used to go and play outside. Mom said that's the reason why

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churches are closed now. I feel so sorry, Grandma..." Jane's little eyes welled up with tears.

Grandma hugged Jane tightly and told her in her ear. "Darling...Jane...Baby Jesus told me that He is missing you a lot... And he loves to play with you."

"Really, grandma...Jesus loves to play with me! Even when I make mistakes? I want to become a good girl, grandma. But, I end up doing wrong... I am naughty all the time..."

"Don't worry, Jane. Jesus is enjoying every step we take and He is there to take care of us every time we fall. He is just like a parent watching their child learning to climb the stairs. So you need to keep trying. If you fall, Jesus will rush to you and carries you in His arms. So, don't worry about your falls..instead, keep trying..try until your good becomes better and better becomes your best..."

Our Lord is a God who is ever kind and ever-loving. His Mercy is abundant. No matter how many times we do wrong... He forgives us a million times; all we need to say is sorry and jump back to His loving arms every time we are wrong. Psalms 111: 4 says, The Lord is Kind and Compassionate."

Hearing this, Jane closed her eyes, joined her hands and prayed, "Dear Jesus, I'm truly sorry for all the mistakes I've done. Please forgive me. From this moment help me not to do anything against your love.

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Saint of The Day

Mother Teresa of Calcutta



After a childhood of poverty caused by the death of her father, she joined a religious order known as the Sisters of Loreto. It was in this role that she first came to India and became a teacher at St. Mary's School for girls.

For twenty years she worked there and eventually became the school's principal.

Her time here was said to be full of joy and Mother Teresa was known for her charity, unselfishness and courage, her capacity for hard work and a natural talent for organisation. This was then compounded, supported and emphasised by her deep love and communion with Christ.

Through prayer, discernment and vision, Mother Teresa felt God was calling her to a 'mission within a mission' and eventually establish a religious order dedicated to care of the poor.

Mother Theresa of Calcutta went first to the slums. She visited families, washed the sores of children, cared for an old man lying sick on the road and nursed a woman dying of hunger and tuberculosis. She started each day with communion then went out, rosary in her hand, to find and serve God amongst "the unwanted, the unloved, the uncared for."

After some months, she was joined, one by one, by her former students and her order soon became world renowned for her dedication and love for the

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poor. She began to receive numerous awards and media coverage for her works; this began with the Indian Padmashri Award in 1962 and later she notably won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. Everything she received, be it media coverage or awards thanking her for her work, she always accepted purely 'for the glory of God and in the name of the poor'. She inspired the world and became a truly modern-day hero and, even after her death, her religious order continues to grow and people are cared for and come to faith through the order she founded.

Dear children let us all watch a video about our dearest Mother Teresa.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=teQb8eubFzg&t=1227s>

Moral Value: Kindness

Bible passage for quiz: Exodus Chapter 20 (Ten Commandments)