

# Grade 1 - Chapter 12

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## Discover

### Catechist Edition Instruction

## Discover (1)

### Objectives

- Recognize a Saint as someone who loved God very much, did his work on Earth, and is with him in Heaven
- Define the word holy as unique, and pure; set apart for God and his purposes

### Holy People

Ask: What does Jesus ask you to do?

- Write the children's answers on the board or on chart paper.

Read aloud the first paragraph.

★ Have the children underline what the Saints did more than anything.

### Work with Words

Hold up index cards with the words *Saint* and *angel* on them.

- Read aloud the definitions for both words.
- Emphasize that everyone is called to be a Saint by loving God and loving others.

### God's Word

Explain to the children that they will listen to a story from the Gospel of Luke about Jesus and his friends.

- Proclaim "Martha and Mary."
- Tell the children to listen for things people can do to show that they are God's friends.

## Family of Saints

Read aloud the first paragraph of Family of Saints.

### Work with Words

Hold up an index card with the word *holy* and explain to the children what it means.

- Explain to the children that Catholic artists often indicate which of the figures in their pictures are Saints by painting halos above their heads.
- Point out the halos in the mosaic of Joseph and Jesus.

Read aloud the second paragraph and tell the children that they are all part of the family of Saints.

► Music Option: Have the children sing, "Sing a Song to the Saints," downloaded from [aliveinchrist.osv.com](http://aliveinchrist.osv.com).

### Activity

Read aloud the directions for the Share Your Faith activity.

- Have the children work independently to write their ideas. After a short time, have them discuss their ideas with a partner.

### Quick Review

Saints are holy people who are friends of God and live with him forever.

## Discover (2)

### Objective

- Appreciate that we are part of the family of Saints, connected to the Saints who lived before us and to those who believe in Jesus now

### All Kinds of Saints

Ask: How do Saints show their love?

- Write the children's answers on the board or on chart paper.

Read aloud the first two paragraphs.

- Emphasize that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is first and greatest Saint. Point out that Mary is our Mother too because she loves and cares for us.

Tell the children that stories about the Saints help them learn how to be holy.

Ask the children to put their finger next to each Saint as you read aloud "All Kinds of Saints."

- Have the children circle a word or words that tell how the Saint showed love for God. For example, *Saint Juan Diego went to Mass; Saint Louis cared for the sick and less fortunate; Saint Kateri devoted her life to prayer.*

### All Kinds of Saints, continued

- Ask: Which of these people would you want to be like?
- Ask: How can you be a holy person?

Explain to the children that the Church prays with the Saints. Refer to page 320 in the Our Catholic Tradition reference section in the back of the Student Book for more about praying with the Saints.

► Music Option: Have the children sing, "Litany of Saints," downloaded from [aliveinchrist.osv.com](http://aliveinchrist.osv.com).

## Activity

Read aloud the directions for the Connect Your Faith activity.

- Ask the children to locate the boxes found near each Saint's picture.
- Tell the children that they are going to write a number in each box.
- Read each numbered phrase with the children.
- Allow time for them to identify which Saint the phrase describes.
- Ask volunteers to share their answers.

## Quick Review

The Saints showed their love for God and for other people in many different ways.

## Catechist Tips: Reaching All Learners—For Math Wizards

Making a neat calendar of Saints' days is an activity that involves measurement and counting.

- Assign a leading role in this activity to children with mathematical proficiency.

## Catechist Tips: Friends

Talk with the children about the qualities of a best friend (*honest, fun to be with, shares, makes me laugh, etc.*) Form teams of three or four players each. Give each team several magazines, scissors, and tape.

Invite them to cut or tear friendly words (*funny, nice, patient*) and images (*smiling faces, helpful people, kids playing*) from the magazines. Have them tape the words and images to the clothing of one of their teammates in order to "build" a loyal friend. Challenge them to do so quickly, and find a wide variety of friendship characteristics.

Let the teams work for several minutes. Then call everyone together and invite each team to introduce its best friend to the group. Have them tell why they chose certain words and images.

## Catechist Tips: Holy People

**The Scripture on page 170 reminds us of some of the ways people are good Christians. Good Christians try to do what is right. They are patient. They pray. They take care of people. They welcome others.** After proclaiming the passage, describe one or two people you know who have these characteristics. Mention one or two Saints as well. Let the children think about people they know who are like this also. Share these stories with the group.

## Glossary Activity: Saint

Show the children examples of artwork depicting the saints from various eras and cultures.

- Invite the children to make holy cards of their patron Saints, using a favorite style or medium.

## Additional Activity: Friendship Book

Write the following song lyrics on the board or on chart paper: "Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver but the other is gold."

- Have the children make a friendship book of the friends in their new class. Supply paper to make a booklet, and have the children decorate it and draw pictures of friendship to each other.

### **Additional Activity: Friendship Day**

Tell the children that the first Sunday in August every year is celebrated as Friendship Day.

- Tell the children they can make any day Friendship Day.
- Tell them they could invite their friends to a picnic, or give them a call on the phone.

### **Additional Activity: Saints' Days**

Use a book of saints to draw a calendar of children's Saints' days.

- Children who were not named after a Saint can choose a Saint from a People of Faith page.
- Pick a date when the group can celebrate Saints' days that have already passed or will occur in the summer.

### **Additional Activity: Tour the Church**

If time allows, go to the church and look at various artistic depictions of Saints.

- Guide the children to look for clues in the art that tell about the Saints—a halo or an item that reveals the Saint's background.

### **Additional Activity: Chart Patron Saints**

Help the children make a class chart listing each child's patron Saint.

- Supply poster board and markers, and help the children list their names in one column of a two-column chart.
- Help the children list their patron Saint in the second column of the chart.