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Chapter 15
A Read-to-Me Story

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
Feast Day: January 4

A long time ago, a young woman named Elizabeth married William Seton in New York City. They were very much in love. They had five children and a happy life. Then Will became sick and died. Elizabeth was sad.

Later, some friends invited Elizabeth to come to their church. It was a Catholic church. The Mass helped Elizabeth know that Jesus cared about her and wanted to help her. After that, Elizabeth decided to become a Catholic.

Elizabeth had another worry. What could she do to take care of her children? She prayed about what to do. Elizabeth decided to become a teacher. She was such a good teacher that a priest invited her to open a school in his city.

Elizabeth and her family moved to Baltimore, Maryland. She started one of the first Catholic schools in the United States. Elizabeth trained other women who came to teach in the school. Elizabeth started a community of nuns called the Sisters of Charity. With Elizabeth's help, the nuns were able to open many more Catholic schools.

We celebrate Elizabeth as the first American-born saint. Jesus helped Elizabeth to use her gifts to serve others. We can ask Jesus to help us discover our gifts. Like Saint Elizabeth, we can use our gifts to help others.