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Faith-Filled People

Chapter 4
A Read-To-Me Story

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta
Feast Day: September 5

When Agnes was a little girl, her family had lots of money. They even had two houses. All of that changed when Agnes' father died. Agnes was only eight years old.

Agnes' mother had to go to work to earn money to feed her children. Agnes' mother taught her children that being a child of God and a friend of Jesus was more important than money. The family prayed together and went to church often. Agnes loved to hear stories about the saints. Her favorite stories were about missionaries, men and women who shared the Good News of Jesus with people in far-away lands. Agnes dreamed of becoming a missionary herself.

When she was eighteen, Agnes became a nun. She was given the name "Sister Teresa." Soon she was sent to India to be a teacher. Sister Teresa walked to her school every day. On her way, she saw homeless people on the streets. She saw sick people lying in the gutters. This made Sister Teresa sad. She wanted to help these people.

Sister Teresa gave up her job at school. She began to teach the children who lived in the streets. She had no paper or pencils to give them. She used the dirt on the ground as her board. She wrote her lessons in the dirt with a stick.

Every day, Sister Teresa cared for the sick people she saw. She prayed with them. She was so gentle and loving that everyone began to call her "Mother."

Soon other women joined Mother Teresa. She began a new community of nuns called the Missionaries of Charity. Charity is another word for "love." Mother Teresa and her nuns treated everyone with love.

Mother Teresa was such a holy person that we call her "Blessed." Mother Teresa gave us a message. She said, "Together we can do something beautiful for God." When we care for others and help them, we are doing beautiful things for God.