

# Made for Greatness

*We want to be saints!*

Grades K-2: Lesson 1

*Goal: Students will identify God's plan for us to be happy. They will explain we can be happy by loving and following God.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 139:14

"I praise you, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works!"

**Catechism:** (CCC 2014)

*"All are called to holiness..."*

**Opening Prayer:** Dear Father in heaven, you have made me in your image. You created me to love you and to show others your kindness and love. I wish to do all that you desire for me so that I can shine with your light Father. Make me more and more like you.

Praise and Worship Song: "You are Holy" by Michael W. Smith

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=3&v=RMx0J4T1gWY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=3&v=RMx0J4T1gWY)

## **Instruction:**

1. *Show the children an envelope labeled with your name. Tell them you received a letter from a best friend and that the letter says that God loves me and so does my friend. Inquire if they would also feel special and loved if they received a "message of God's love" in their mailbox.*
2. God created each person with a very special message to deliver to the world. God wanted you to be happy and to share your happiness with others.
3. When you were born God knew that he could count on you to bring his message of love to the people and places he would send you. God has a very special way he wants YOU to spread the message so let's see how some of our saint friends have said "yes" when God asked them to spread his love.
4. *Share different slide pictures of young saints like: St. Therese, St. Dominic Savio, St. Jacinta and Francisco, St. Imelda, St. Tarcisius, etc. Explain that God created each of the saints to bring his love in a special way to all of us.*
5. *Share the story of St. Therese and her "Little Way." Therese is a great Saint and God had a special message for her to give to the world but when she was little she needed to learn how to love God and her family better. She used to complain about things a lot and get upset if she didn't have things her way. Her parents taught her how to love God's ways better than her own and she grew up to become a beautiful saint because she practiced the "little way." The "little way" is doing every little action and deed with great love. Sometimes giving up what you want so you can serve and love God and others better. She wanted all of us to see that if we love God we would do what he commands us.*

Watch (Optional): *St. Therese of the Child Jesus (12:27)*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hkPIdfkVBK0>

6. Watch: Saint Dominic Savio (2:06) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WmaUiWNawFU>  
Another saint that shows us how to live for God is St. Dominic Savio. He wanted to show God how much he loved him by performing small sacrifices for Him. Dominic also practiced good habits called virtues especially kindness. He did these in everything that he did when he lived with other young boys and a holy priest named Saint John Bosco.
7. You are also called to live a life for God and to be happy. We can be the happiest if we follow God's plan in our lives and spread his message of love in our own unique way. How can you spread God's message of love today?
8. End the lesson with the song. (May be a good 'theme song' for the week)

### **God Calls us to Holiness**

(Tune of London Bridge is Falling Down)

God calls us to holiness, holiness, holiness.  
God calls us to holiness,  
We say ye-s.

Some are called to marriage, marriage, marriage.  
Some are called to marriage.  
They say ye-s.

Some are called to priesthood, priesthood, priesthood.  
Some are called to priesthood.  
They say ye-s.

Some are brothers and sisters, sisters, sisters.  
Some are brothers and sisters.  
They say ye-s.

**Craft:** (Materials: Notebook paper, pencil, envelope, crayons or markers) Write a letter and draw a picture for a friend. Tell them how much God loves them by drawing a story from one of the Gospels.

**Homework/A Step Beyond:** Family Favorite Saints and my name or birthday saint.  
As a family, make a list of some of your favorite saints. List some of the virtues that they exemplify. What is a gift that each of the family members has and how they do share it with others in the family and friends?

#### **Prayer:**

O Lord, thank you for making me and wanting my happiness. I love you and I want to follow you by loving others. I want to be a saint! Amen.

*Additional Resources for purchase:*

“Glory Stories” from Holy Heroes.  
<http://www.holyheroes.com/Glory-Stories-s/2.htm>