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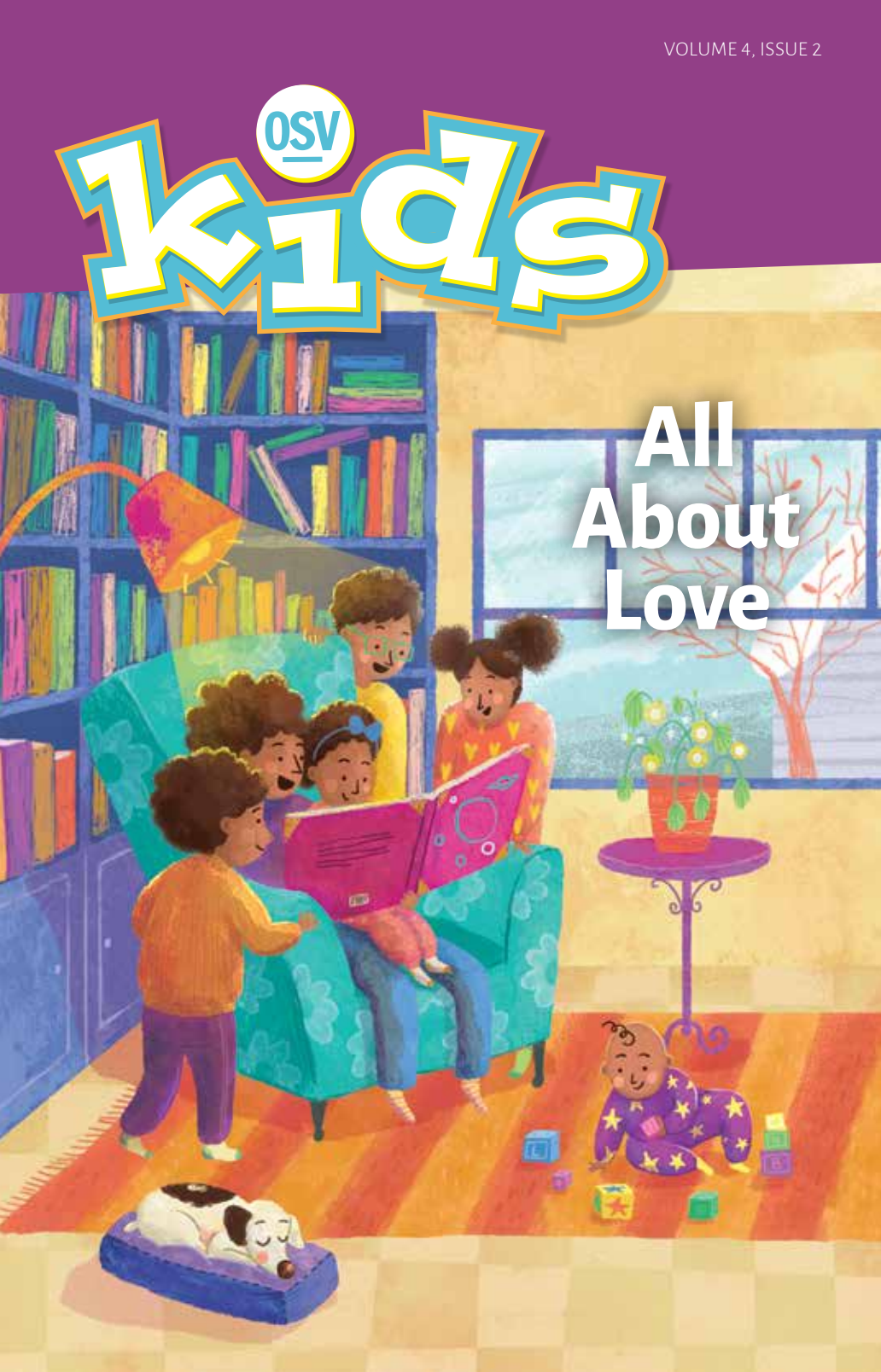

All About Love

PARENTS: Look for the light bulb, then visit Page 23 to learn more.

THINK ABOUT

Real Love

Unlike with anyone else, you can spend time with Jesus anytime! Simply close your eyes and imagine you are in his presence. Look at him and see how lovingly he looks at you. Talk to him about whatever is in your heart and on your mind.

Teeny Tiny Theology

Word of the month

Vocation

God's invitation (or call) to each person to love and serve him and his Church in a particular state or way of life, like marriage or religious life.

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Look for "Mark the Mouse" throughout the issue!

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EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Eucharistic Adoration

We can find God in many places, but his presence in the Eucharist is special. Help the child find Jesus in the monstrance.

ACTIVITY

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Read about the words below and then find them in the word search.

ASHES
Ashes are placed on people's foreheads to mark the beginning of Lent.

PALMS
Burned palms are used to make the ashes.

DUST
When receiving ashes, you might hear, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

SACRAMENTAL
Ashes are a sacramental, a sacred sign that resembles the sacraments.

LENT
A season of prayer leading to Jesus' resurrection.

PRAYER
During Lent, we are asked to focus on prayer.

FASTING
We sacrifice by giving up something we love.

ALMSGIVING
We practice giving to those in need.

REPENTANCE
During Lent, we are called to turn away from sin and grow closer to God.

FORTY DAYS
The length of time we are in the season of Lent.

B	L	R	E	P	E	N	T	A	N	C	E
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CREATE

God Is Love

The love God has for us is hard to comprehend. He loves us totally and completely. Fill out the activity sheets to discover more about God's love for us.

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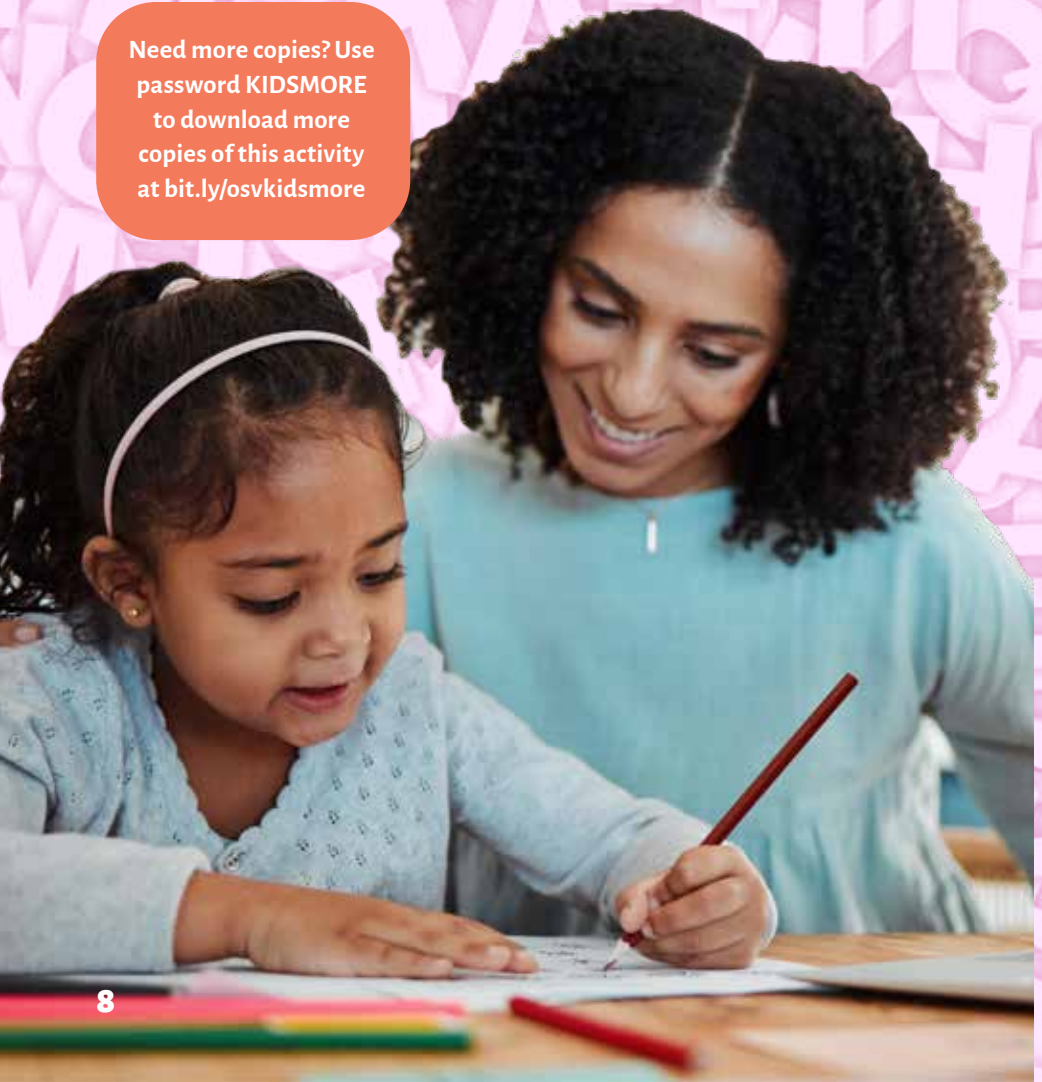

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Tear out the activity sheets and with a loved one fill in the blanks without reading the text.

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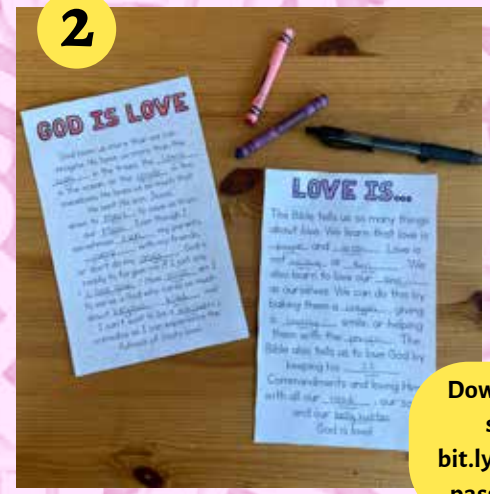

Read each letter out loud to each other and see how silly your answers sound! If you want, print out more copies online and change up the answers.

Download our answer sheet online at bit.ly/osvkidsmore with password KIDSMORE

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SACRED SCRIPTURE

Many verses in the Bible talk about love. As Catholic Christians, we understand that love is not just something we *feel*, it's also something we *do*. We are created to love God and others, and we show our love through words and actions.

"Love is patient, love is kind." (1 Corinthians 13:4)

How might I be more patient and kinder toward people in my life?

"As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (John 13:34)

How can we love others the way Jesus has loved us?

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"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." (Mark 12:30)

How do I show love to God?

"God is love." (1 John 4:8)

How has God shown his love to us?

CAN YOU FIND?

Twins St. Scholastica and St. Benedict did not get to see each other very much. Once, after they had spent a day together, Scholastica begged her brother to stay the night so they could talk a little longer. Benedict said that he must get back to his monastery. Scholastica then bowed her head and prayed fervently, and suddenly a fierce storm began to rage outside. The wind and rain made it impossible for Benedict to return to the monastery. Scholastica replied, "See, I asked you, and you would not listen to me. So I asked my Lord, and he has listened to me."

crucifix

St. Benedict

broom

bread

oil lamp

lightning

2 plates

chicken

2 chicks

cat

hanging garlic

crow

St. Scholastica

HIDDEN PICTURE

St. Blaise was a bishop and a doctor for people and animals. Legend has it that sick animals would come to him to be cured. But when St. Blaise was praying, the animals would patiently wait so as not to disturb his prayers. Once, a woman brought her son who was choking on a fish bone to him. St. Blaise said a prayer, and the boy was cured.

MITRE

CROZIER

FISHBONE

FISH

PALM BRANCH

SHEEP

CANDLE

EUCHARIST

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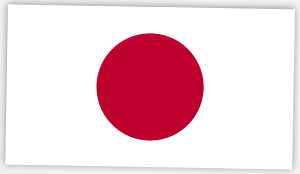
Feast Day: February 6

Patron of: Japan



SAINT NOTES

St. Paul Miki

St. Paul Miki came from a wealthy Japanese family. He wanted to become a priest. While he was studying to be ordained, he convinced many people to become Christian. The ruler of Japan was afraid that Christians would take over, so he had Paul and twenty-five others tied to crosses and then stabbed. Through his suffering, Paul shared in the Paschal Mystery of Christ. As he hung on the cross, he talked about Jesus. He wasn't afraid to die, because he knew that death was not the end, but the beginning of life forever with God in heaven.

How does offering up something you don't like to do help you share in the Paschal Mystery?

Fill out the saint card about St. Paul Miki and add it to your collection

STORY TIME WITH ARTHUR

Bearing the Cross

By Theresa Kiser

On Ash Wednesday, Arthur the Clumsy Altar Server watched with excitement as everybody in church lined up to receive the blessed ashes. Father Cruz carefully dipped his thumb into the ashes and marked a cross on each person's forehead.

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," Father Cruz said.

Arthur already had the cross on his forehead. He couldn't wait to see what it looked like. He thought it would feel quite noble to walk around with a cross on his forehead: He would be a sign of the Gospel for everyone who saw him! Today was the beginning of Lent, after all, and Arthur wanted to do God's work.

After Mass, Arthur ran to the bathroom to look in the mirror.

"Oh, no!" Arthur exclaimed as soon as he saw his reflection. The ash was smudged! It didn't look like a cross; it just looked like Arthur had dirt on his face.

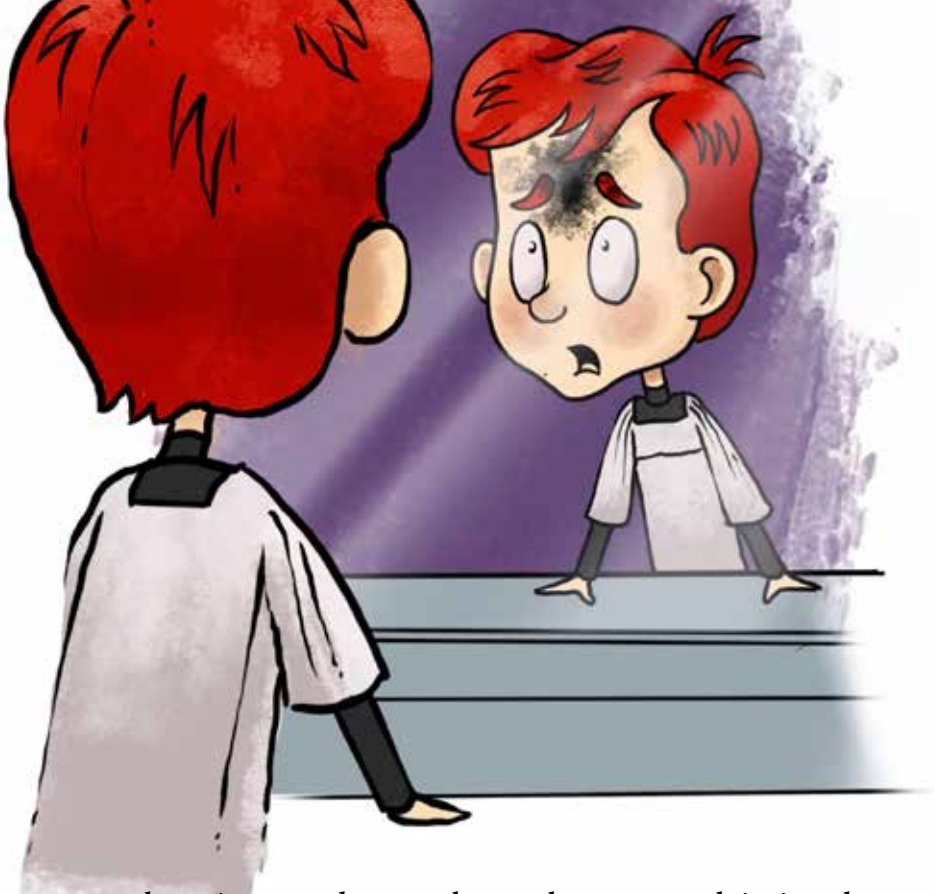
Arthur charged away to Father Cruz. "Father! I need your help!"

Father Cruz was helping the other altar servers put away the materials from Mass. "Sure, Arthur. What do you need?"

"My cross! It's all smudged!"

"That's all right," said Father Cruz. "It happens."

"But it has to look like a cross," Arthur groaned.



"Otherwise, people won't know that I'm proclaiming the Gospel. They'll just think I'm messy."

Father Cruz chuckled. "It is good to want to share the Gospel, Arthur. But don't be dismayed by a smudged cross. You can proclaim the Gospel anyway!"

"But I didn't touch it! It's not my fault. You have to fix it for me! Or, could I wipe it off and have you make a new one?"

Father Cruz sighed. "The time for distribution of ashes is over, Arthur. I can't change that cross for you. You'll find

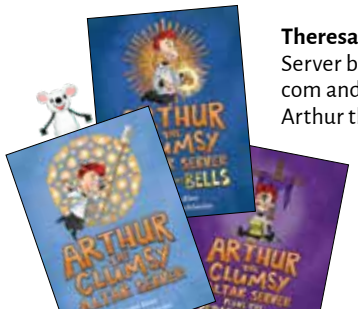
that sometimes the crosses we receive in life aren't what we expect or want. Jesus tells us, 'Take up your cross and follow me.' Do you think you can do that?"

Arthur thought and thought. He really had wanted a perfectly shaped cross, but maybe Father Cruz was right. Maybe he could accept this smudged cross anyway and follow Jesus.

"Are you going to wipe it off?" Father Cruz asked finally.

"No," said Arthur. "I don't think I will. I'm going to keep it. Even if other people don't know it's a cross, I do. It's like Jesus said in today's Gospel, 'Your Father who sees in secret will reward you.'"

Father Cruz smiled. "Well now you're doing two things: proclaiming the Gospel, and — even better — living it!"



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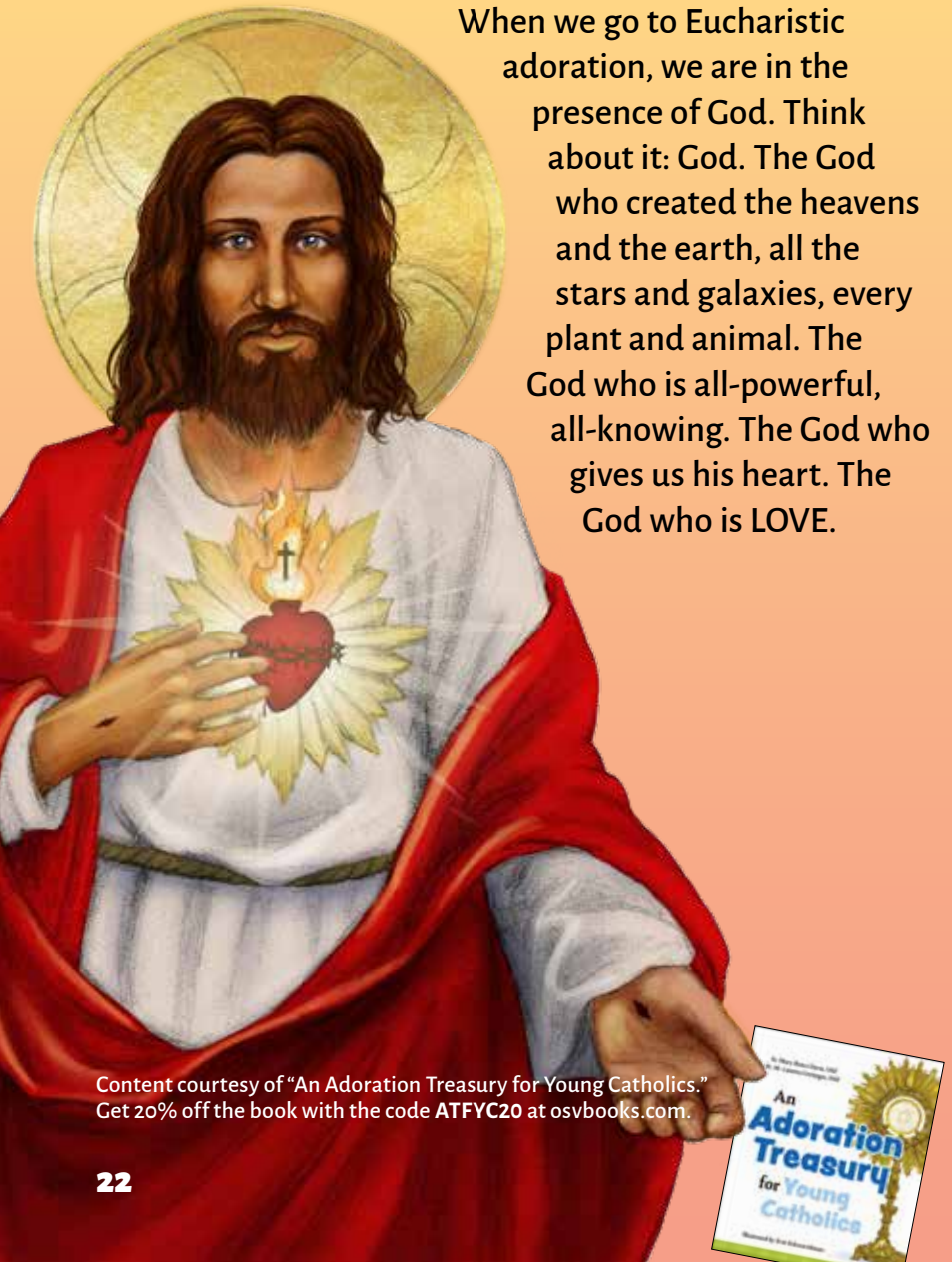
TIME TO PRAY: ADORATION

In His Presence

When we go to Eucharistic adoration, we are in the presence of God. Think about it: God. The God who created the heavens and the earth, all the stars and galaxies, every plant and animal. The God who is all-powerful, all-knowing. The God who gives us his heart. The God who is LOVE.



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JUST FOR PARENTS

More information to share with curious kids!

Adoration tips with kids

Here are some recommendations for teaching your children about the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist:

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1. Take your children to Mass regularly. 2. Practice reverence for the Eucharist by genuflecting and making the Sign of the Cross before the tabernacle in church. 3. Keep adoration time short. 4. Offer aids to prayer like a rosary, a children's prayer book, or a journal for writing down their prayers to Jesus.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of Lent, might prompt some tough questions from your kids! Here are some common questions and answers about the day.

Pages 6-7

Q. Who can receive ashes?

A. Anyone, including kids and non-Catholics, can receive ashes.

Q. Are ashes a sacrament?

A. Ashes are not a sacrament, but what we call a "sacramental." Sacramentals are signs that help us prepare for receiving the sacraments.

Q. Where do the ashes come from?

A. The ashes are traditionally made by burning last year's Palm Sunday palms.

Q. Is Ash Wednesday a holy day of obligation?

A. It is not an official holy day of obligation.

St. Benedict and St. Scholastica

St. Benedict and St. Scholastica were siblings, traditionally believed to be twins. They were born in Nursia, Italy, around 480. St. Benedict founded a monastic community in Monte Cassino, where he wrote The Rule of St. Benedict and formed the Order of St. Benedict. St. Scholastica founded the first convent of Benedictine nuns. The siblings are buried together at Monte Cassino. St. Scholastica's feast day is celebrated February 10, and St. Benedict's is July 11.

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