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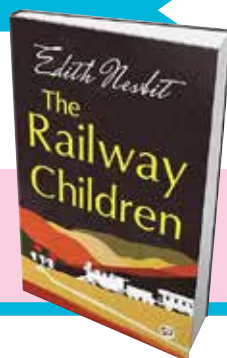


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EDITORIAL



HOLY SPIRIT, OUR HELPER!

Hello Little Buds!

Do you know that the Holy Spirit is your special friend and helper? Just as we need light in the dark, the Holy Spirit shows us the right way when we feel lost or confused.

In 2013, I travelled all the way to Brazil for the World Youth Day – my first time going so far from home! I was supposed to meet a friend at the airport in São Paulo. We had planned to go to a hotel and rest before our next journey. When I reached the airport, it was full of joy – people were singing, dancing, and praising Jesus! It felt like a big, happy family from all over the world.

But I couldn't find my friend anywhere. His phone wasn't working. Since I could only speak English, I didn't know how to find the hotel shuttle bus and started getting anxious. At that moment, a Bible verse popped into my heart, like a whisper:

And when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left, your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it' – Isaiah 30:21.

It was the Holy Spirit reminding me that I wasn't alone. I trusted that voice and stepped out of the airport. There were so many cars and buses lined up on both sides! I quietly asked the Holy Spirit to show me which way to go. I felt a nudge to turn right and walk. Then, I saw a man and asked if he knew where the hotel bus was.

Guess what? He did! Not only that – he worked for the hotel! God had sent him just for me!

Later that night, my friend made it too. Even though things didn't go as planned, the Holy Spirit guided me every step of the way.

Buds, remember this: The Holy Spirit is a gift from God – He is always ready to help you when you ask. Whether you're lost, scared, or need a little courage, just say: 'Come, Holy Spirit, help me!'

You are never alone. Just like flowers need sunshine and water, we need the Holy Spirit every day to grow in love, joy, and peace.

With love and prayers,
Your Big Bud in Christ

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ROYAL MONASTERY OF Santa María de Guadalupe SPAIN

- GIANNA PARAMBY » 9 YRS

The Monastery of Saint Mary of Guadalupe in Spain is an important place where people come to pray and learn about God and the Virgin Mary. Inside the monastery is a beautiful statue called the Black Madonna. People have prayed to her for hundreds of years, believing she brings blessings and miracles.



ONE FASCINATING STORY about the monastery is that the Virgin Mary appeared to a shepherd boy named Gil Cordero in the early 14th century. He was looking for a lost animal when he saw the Virgin. She instructed him to tell the priests to dig at the spot where she appeared. When they dug, they discovered a statue of Mary that had been buried for 600 years. This special statue, known as the Black Madonna, is unique because Mary's face and hands are dark in colour. Many believe this statue is a holy gift, and it has become an important symbol for those who visit the monastery to pray and seek help.



The monastery's history is also tied to King Alfonso XI of Castile. In the 14th century, he built the monastery after believing that the Virgin of Guadalupe had helped him win the

Battle of Río Salado. To honour her, he wanted to create a special church, which later grew into a large monastery. The monastery became a major pilgrimage site for kings and queens. Many miracles have been reported at the monastery, such as healings and the preservation of the Virgin Mary's image. Numerous pilgrims visit to pray, ask for help, and show their devotion at this monastery.

The Monastery of Saint Mary of Guadalupe is a place with historical and spiritual importance. It also played a role in the starting of a great adventure, when Christopher Columbus received permission from the Spanish king and queen to sail across the ocean to find the New World. Currently, the monastery continues to inspire faith and devotion, showing us how special places and people can play a part in great journeys, both spiritual and worldly.



FACTS ABOUT THE MONASTERY OF GUADALUPE

- ▶ The altarpiece at the high altar is extremely beautiful and is made of wood.
- ▶ The high altar sacrarium was originally a desk which belonged to King Philip II in the 16th century.
- ▶ The monastery was also a leading cultural centre for workshops and scientific activity: a centre which spread knowledge of botany and medicine through the

Medical School of Guadalupe, first mentioned in 1451.

- ▶ The Monastery symbolises two significant events in world history that occurred in the same year, 1492, namely the final expulsion of the Muslim power from the Iberian Peninsula and the discovery of the American continent by Christopher Columbus.





JESUS TEACHES NICODEMUS (JOHN 3:1-21)

Nicodemus came to Jesus one night.

Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.

Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.

How can someone be born when they are old? Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!

Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.

You are Israel's teacher, and do you not understand these things? I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven, the Son of Man.

How can this be?

Jesus continued teaching.

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

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Think about making the Sign of the Cross. When we do this amazing prayer, we recall who God is: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is an amazing truth of our Catholic faith. We believe that three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are equally God. Here's the tricky part, they

are not three gods, but one God! It's a mystery, and we cannot understand it fully, but God has revealed things about this mystery to help us. Today, we will examine who the Holy Spirit is in greater detail.

In the Book of Genesis, the very first book of the Bible, God creates the first human beings by breathing life into dust. The Church teaches us that God is breathing the Holy Spirit into the world. Think about how incredible this is. We must remember that the Holy Spirit is God, so God is giving His very self to the world. But God doesn't stop there. Jump ahead thousands of years to when

Jesus walked on the Earth. Remember, Jesus is God, and we see Jesus doing the same thing that God does in the Book of Genesis. In John's Gospel, Jesus came to His disciples and He breathed on them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:22). Just as God breathed the Holy Spirit into Adam and Eve long ago, Jesus breathed forth that same Holy Spirit to His Apostles. This is incredible, but you may be asking, 'What does this have to do with us?' Let's find out.

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In 2025, we celebrate sacraments in which God continues to breathe the Holy Spirit upon us. During Baptism the priest says, 'I baptise you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.' Again in Confirmation, the bishop says, 'Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.' The same Holy Spirit who was alive at the creation of the world and at the time of Jesus's earthly life continues to be present in the lives of believers. Ponder this amazing mystery! God gives us Himself, and we are forever changed.

The Holy Spirit leads us to love God and our neighbours. The Holy Spirit empowers us to persevere in our faith, even when it gets difficult. The Holy Spirit helps us to appreciate just how much God loves us. Whenever we make the Sign of the Cross, we should recall God's love for us.

WATER into WINE

Faith Beyond Logic

- MARIA RUBAN

Have you ever wondered if science and miracles can go together? As someone who has worked in science for five years, I can tell you – they absolutely can! In fact, science doesn't cancel out miracles, it helps us understand how amazing they truly are. Let's take the **first miracle Jesus performed**, turning water into wine at the wedding in Cana. Science tells us that this is impossible. Back then (and even now), turning water into wine would take a long time, involving grapes, fermentation, and a careful process. But Jesus did it in **just a few seconds**. Knowing how hard or impossible that is through science helps us realise how **incredible** and special that moment really was. It was not just a 'cool trick,' it was a sign of **God's power and mercy**. In our **Catholic faith**, a **miracle** is something

extraordinary that goes beyond the natural laws of the world, something only **God** can do. Miracles show us that God is not limited by science or nature. He is **above all creation**. In Cana, Jesus saved the bride and the groom from embarrassment when they ran out of wine. It shows us how much **He cares** about even the little things in our lives.

Sometimes today, people think technology can do anything. We have machines, robots, and all kinds of amazing tools. But as a Catholic and a scientist, I've learned that no matter how far science goes, **God is still greater**. He is the original Creator, and He can still do the impossible.

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So, when the world is changing fast and everything seems to depend on inventions or technology, let's remember to pray:

'Dear Lord, even when the world around me is full of change and new inventions, help me to always believe that You are still in control. You can do what no one else can. Help me trust in Your love and power.'



ST MARGARET MARY ALAQUE

Part 1

After her father's death, which had a profound effect on her, Margaret and her family experienced poverty as a relative withheld their money. Margaret sought comfort in prayer and she frequently visited the Blessed Sacrament at her local church. She had visions of Jesus, which she thought was a normal experience for everyone.

At age eleven, she caught rheumatic fever and was bedridden for four years. She made a vow to Mother Mary to consecrate herself to religious life and then she was healed. This led to her adding the name Mary to her baptismal name.

Margaret Mary Alacoque was born in 1647 in Burgundy, France to Claude and Philiberte Lamyn Alacoque, the fifth of their seven children. From a very young age, Margaret was devoted to Jesus and she loved the Blessed Sacrament. After her First Holy Communion, she would also practice mortifications.

O God, I give my purity, and vow perpetual chastity.



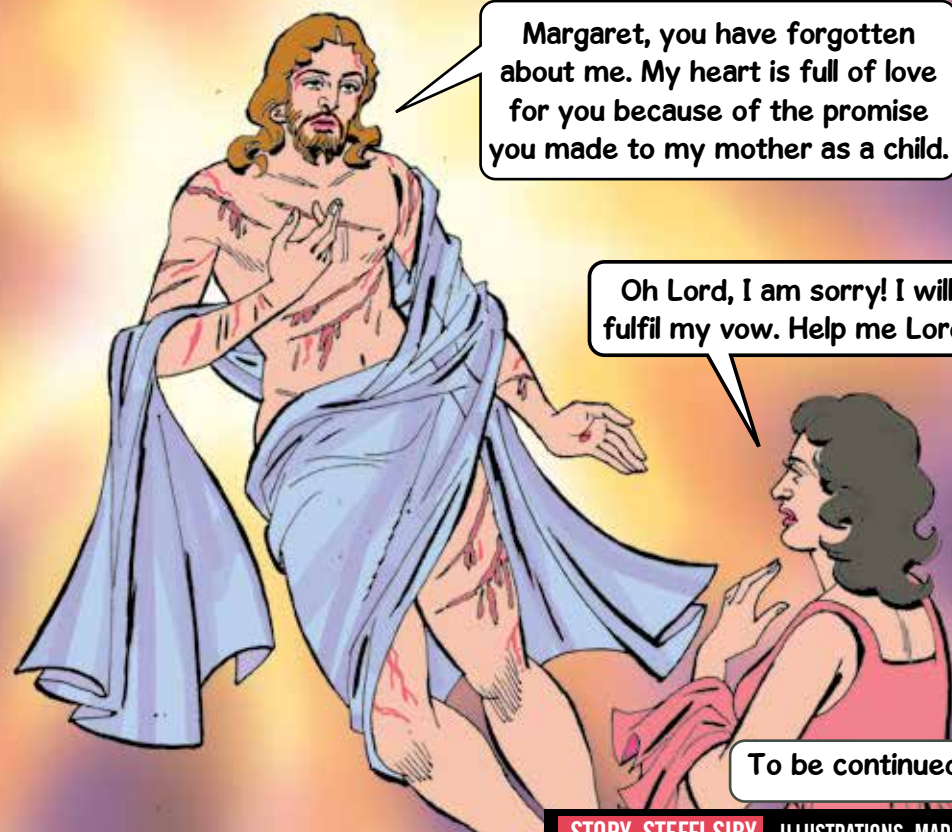
When she was seventeen, Margaret's mother encouraged her to socialise so she could find a suitable husband. Margaret agreed to this and forgot about her childhood vow to enter religious life. She began accompanying her brothers to social events such as dances and balls.



One night, after attending a ball, Margaret had a vision of Jesus, scourged and bloody. This vision motivated her to fulfil the vow she made years ago. She entered the Visitation Convent at Paray-le-Monial in May 1671 to become a nun.

Margaret, you have forgotten about me. My heart is full of love for you because of the promise you made to my mother as a child.

Oh Lord, I am sorry! I will fulfil my vow. Help me Lord!



To be continued...

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A Conundrum

Part - 2

- JOAN JERO DCRUZ » 16 YRS

Dear Diary,

I've been thinking a lot about Samuel lately. I kept going back to that verse, 'Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy...' At first, it just made me feel guilty, but maybe it was trying to teach me something.



Today in school, Samuel dropped his notebook, and all his papers scattered. I almost walked past him. But something tugged at my heart. So I stopped and helped him pick them up. He looked up at me, then smiled and said, 'Thanks, Jack.'

It was just two words, but somehow, they made my heart feel lighter.

Maybe I've been so focused on me, on what I lost, that I forgot Samuel's just a person too. He didn't try to hurt me. He's just good at something, like I am. And maybe instead of seeing him as competition, I could see him as a classmate... or even a friend.

I'm not saying I don't feel jealous anymore. I still do, a little. But I think love means doing the right thing even when your feelings haven't caught up yet. That's the kind of person I want to be.

I found another verse today:

Philippians 2:3 - Do nothing out of selfish ambition. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.

That's hard, but I'm going to try.

Do you have a faith experience you'd like to share for this page? Send it to us at kairosbuds@jykairosmedia.org with your full name, age and complete postal address.

VERSE-IVE WRITING

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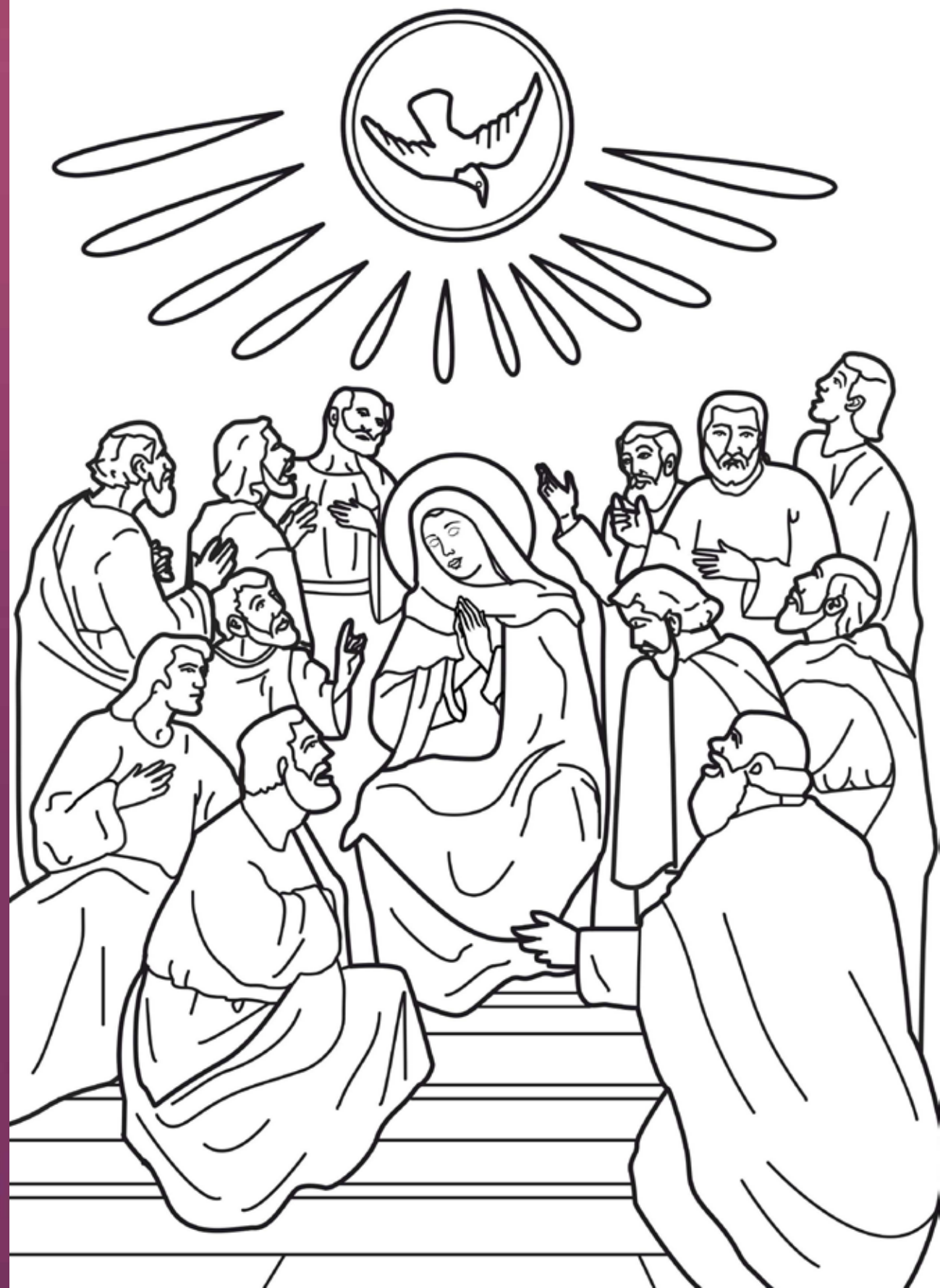
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Prayer to the

Holy Spirit

O HOLY SPIRIT,
SOUL OF MY SOUL,
I ADORE YOU, ENLIGHTEN
GUIDE, STRENGTHEN, AND
CONSOLE ME.
TELL ME WHAT I
OUGHT TO DO
AND COMMAND ME
TO DO IT.

I PROMISE TO BE
SUBMISSIVE IN
EVERYTHING THAT
YOU PERMIT
TO HAPPEN TO ME,
ONLY SHOW ME
WHAT IS YOUR WILL.

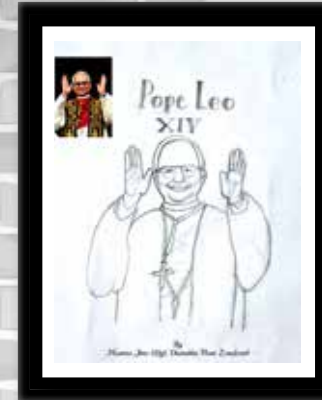
'Learn and Colour'

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Galatians 5:22-24



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NOAH'S ARK

- SEBASTIAN EMMANUEL » 17 YRS



MATERIALS REQUIRED

- Colour paper sheets
- Markers
- Glue
- Scissors
- Ice-cream stick

PROCEDURE

Step 1: Take three sheets of colour paper /chart paper. Cut out yellow and blue shapes from paper to form the base of the boat and the water.

Step 2: Arrange the cut-out shapes on a surface to create the ark.

Step 3: Draw windows on the yellow boat using a marker or pen.

Step 4: Add details to the windows by colouring or drawing on them.

Step 5: Cut out the window details of the boat.

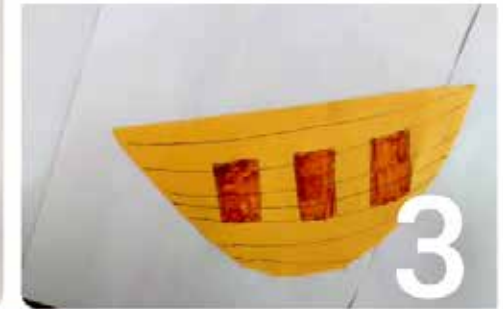
Step 6: Draw lines on the boat to create a striped pattern.

Step 7: Glue the blue water shape below the boat.

Step 8: Combine the boat and water waves and glue it on the ice-cream stick.

Step 9: Create finger puppets by wrapping paper around fingers and drawing faces on them.

Step 10: Place the finger puppets inside the boat.



The Holy Spirit

Our Strength to Live as God's Children

- DR JOSEPH SEBASTIAN

Each of us is a beloved child of God – not by accident, but by His choice. God is not just a distant creator; He is our loving Father. That makes us sons and daughters of the King of Heaven! This truth gives us deep identity and purpose. And to help us live this out, God gives us the Holy Spirit. *For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God* (Romans 8:14).

WE DON'T HAVE TO DO IT ALONE – THE SPIRIT IS OUR GUIDE AND STRENGTH.



Living as a child of God starts with doing the ordinary things with love. It means being faithful where we are: in school, at home, and among friends. It means obeying our parents, respecting our elders, and giving our best even when it's hard. These aren't small things. They are real ways of honouring God in daily life.

But today, many of us are tempted to hide behind filters – online and in real life. We present an image to fit in or impress others. The Holy Spirit invites us to be real. God already knows us and loves us. He doesn't need a perfect version of us. He wants the real us. When we're honest and open, we create space for God's light to shine through.

This honesty begins at home. The Spirit calls us to be transparent with our parents – not hiding our struggles or keeping secrets. When we hide things, the evil one often uses that darkness to lead us astray. But when we bring things into the light, healing begins. The Holy Spirit gives us the courage to speak, to be vulnerable, and to grow in truth.

So, let's ask the Holy Spirit every day to help us live joyfully as children of God. Let's be rooted in truth, grow in courage, and live with love. The world doesn't need more masks. It needs real people – young people – who are led by the Spirit.



The Mystery of the Missing Crown – Part 2

A month before.

Lenny, or Lightweight Lenny as he was known in his circles, wondered what the meeting was about as he paced anxiously below one of the arches of the abandoned viaduct. His lanky frame and the swift dexterity with which he robbed people had earned him the nickname. But Lightweight Lenny had a problem – gambling, and if he didn't have money, he borrowed it, often from the wrong people. At this moment, Lenny was summoned by one of his debtors, a loan shark who called himself Shylock. 'It's been an hour,' muttered Lenny, looking at his watch for the umpteenth time. Frustration, fear and exhaustion clouded his mind as he sat down against the viaduct's wide pillar.

'Psst!'

Startled, he looked around – nothing but the thick overgrowth of foliage surrounding him.

'PSST! Hey Lenny!'

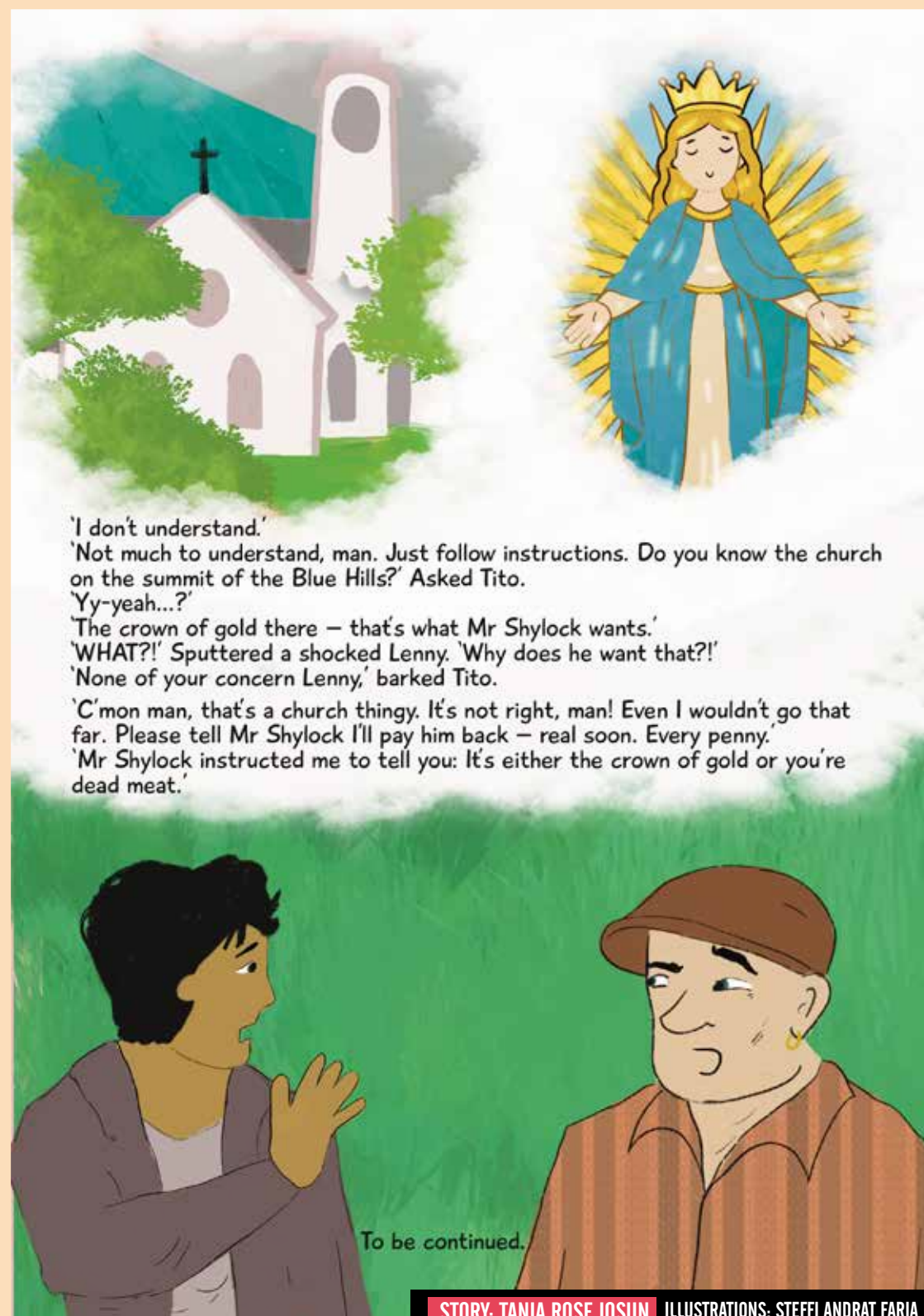
Standing up, Lenny saw a man approaching. It was one of Shylock's henchmen, Tito. 'I have a message for you, Lenny,' said Tito. 'Ready to pay off your debt to Mr Shylock?'

'Uh... does Mr Shylock want it in cash? Because that would be a problem. See –'

Tito cut him off. 'You are to repay the debt in another way, Lenny. Not by cash.'

'Oh?'

'Mr Shylock wants your particular talents this time. He wants you to fetch him something,' said Tito.



'I don't understand.'

'Not much to understand, man. Just follow instructions. Do you know the church on the summit of the Blue Hills?' Asked Tito.

'Yy-yeah...?'

The crown of gold there – that's what Mr Shylock wants.'

'WHAT?!' Sputtered a shocked Lenny. 'Why does he want that?!'

'None of your concern Lenny,' barked Tito.

'C'mon man, that's a church thingy. It's not right, man! Even I wouldn't go that far. Please tell Mr Shylock I'll pay him back – real soon. Every penny.'

'Mr Shylock instructed me to tell you: It's either the crown of gold or you're dead meat.'

To be continued.

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THE RAILWAY CHILDREN

- ANNA-CLAIRE ANTHRAPER » 13 YRS

The *Railway Children* by E Nesbit is one of the greatest children's classics ever written. It has been made into several movie adaptations, yet the book trumps them all. The author herself grew up in several different countries in Europe, eventually settling in the beautiful English countryside within which this story is set. Nesbit is considered the first modern writer for children, as her books take place in the real world, in real life situations which was a new writing style for kids in the mid-nineteenth century.

The book opens with a brief introduction to the main characters, three ordinary children who live in the suburbs of Britain. Roberta or Bobby is the eldest and she takes the role seriously. Whilst she loves to have as much fun as any other girl her age, she possesses a talent far too rare amongst us nowadays, that to sense whether someone is feeling upset or not, and to comfort them in the best way. Next up is Peter, who adores anything railway related and wants to be an engineer when he grows up. Though prone to teasing his two sisters, he is a loving and

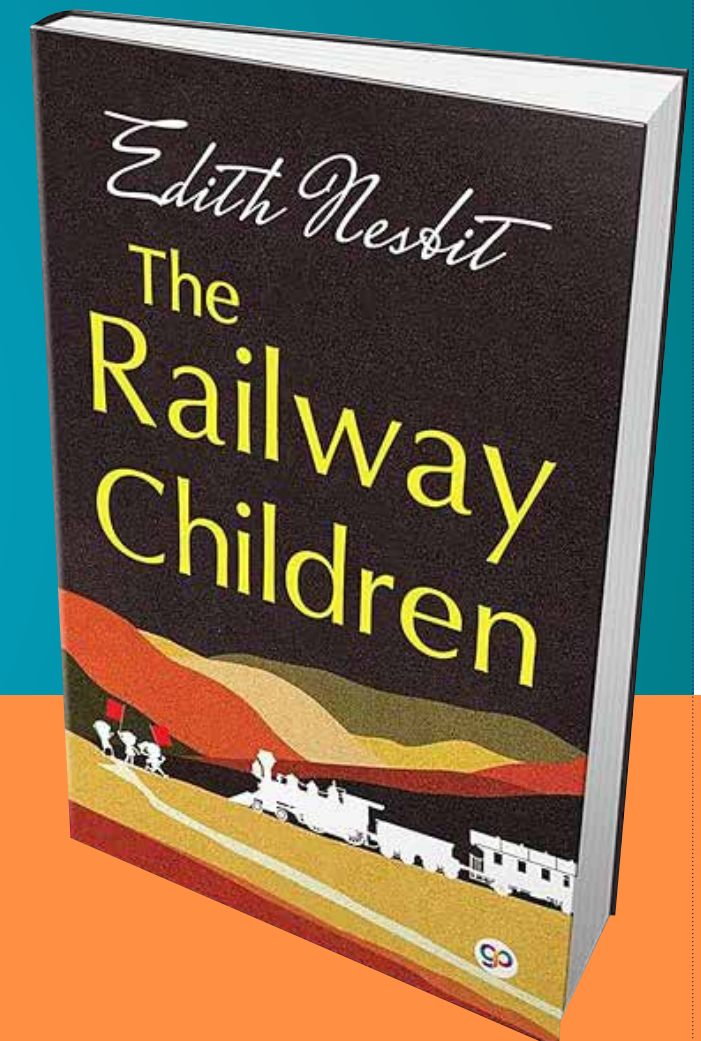
caring brother with a kind heart. Last comes Phyllis who 'meant extremely well.' The baby of the family, who is frequently breaking, spilling or cracking something, Phyllis always sought to put things right and hated any kind of fighting.

Due to certain unexpected and unfortunate events, the children are forced to move from their comfortable home in the city to the countryside with their mother. She was not a boring mother who sat at home all day doing nothing, but loved to play with the children, and always made them smile with the poems and stories she wrote. Their father worked for the

government, and as far as they knew, he had some terribly pressing work which kept him away from home for a long time. The three children find plenty to do in the countryside, for every nook and cranny had to be explored. Best of all, a railway station stood a short walk away from their home, and they took to visiting it every day, as well as making friends with the crew.

When Mother fell sick, however, Bobby, Peter and Phyllis were in a fix. They didn't have enough money to pay the doctor's bills and buy the food and treatments she needed to get better. So, they hatch a plan to get the attention of

'The Old Gentleman,' a passenger on the 9:15 train with whom they had befriended and developed a 'routine' of waving to as the train passed by, to ask if he can help them. After this extraordinary adventure, the three of them go on to have many more, such as adopting a hound, attempting to prevent a train crash and much more.



The Railway Children shows how a loving family can help you through anything, through all the ups and downs of life. Even though they aren't perfect, there is a strong bond between the family which holds them together. Mother's example of selflessly working to feed her family, Bobby's loving kindness, Peter's

courage, and Phyllis' 'do my best' attitude, all show how, in a family, we continue to shape each other for the better.

Bartimaeus

Aramaic: Bar-Timai (ܒܪ ܬܝܡܝ) | **MEANING: Son of Timaeus**
Bartimaeus was a blind man who begged for help on the streets of Jericho. When he heard that Jesus was passing by, he cried out loudly, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' (Mark 10:46-52). Despite people telling him to be quiet, he kept calling until Jesus noticed him. Jesus healed him, and Bartimaeus followed Him with joy!



Interesting Fact:

Bartimaeus is one of the few people Jesus healed, who is mentioned by name in the Gospels.

Personal Application


Bartimaeus never gave up, even when others told him to be quiet. When you pray, don't be afraid to ask Jesus for help – He always listens!

Help
Bartimaeus
find his way
to Jesus.



Picture Puzzle

Can you complete this prayer of St Augustine to the Holy Spirit by puzzling out the words from the pictures?

 **INTO ME,**  ,
THAT MY  **MAY ALL BE**  ■
 **IN ME,**  ,
THAT MY  , **TOO, MAY BE**  ■
ATTRACT MY  ,  ,
THAT I MAY  **ONLY WHAT IS** 
 **+ EN ME,**  , **THAT I MAY**
 **ALL THAT IS**  ■
 **ME,**  , **THAT I MAY**
ALWAYS BE  ■

THE GIRL WITH THE GOLDEN VOICE

Someday, they're gonna hear that golden voice of yours!

The choir group has gathered together at church one quiet Saturday afternoon. Tina listens to Angela, one of the singers, practise.

Tony approaches the group. He has come with the Choir Director.

It looks like the Director has some important news.

Everyone listen up! Angela has been chosen for the State Christian Youth Festival!

See, I told ya! You're going places!

Much to Angela and Tina's relief, Tony volunteers.

Mind if I help you prep? I know how tough these events can become.

A practise session is in full swing at Angela's home, with Tony and Tina there to help.

Later, alone in her room, Angela prays.

Not for fame, but to glorify You, Lord.

On the day of the event, Tony and Tina accompany Angela, as their friends see them off.

The State Christian Youth Festival Auditorium.

As her time draws near, Angela gets a bit tense...

What if I mess up?

The waiting is finally over.

Tony has joined the girls for a small prayer before she leaves for the stage.

'We can make plans, but the Lord determines our steps...'

Lord, let her be a vessel of your grace.

Amen!

KRRK...

Murmuring.

To be continued...

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HAPPENINGS AT PENTECOST

Use the words in the box below to fill in the blanks and find out what happened at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-6).

When the time for..... was fulfilled, they were all in place together.

And suddenly there came from the..... a noise like a strong driving, and it filled the entire in which they were.

Then there appeared to them as of fire, which parted and came to on each one of them.

And they were all filled with the and began to in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to

Now there were devout from every nation under heaven staying in

At this, they gathered in a large, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own

Sound	<i>House</i>	PENTECOST
	TONGUES	
Speak	PROCLAIM	Holy Spirit
REST	Crowd	<i>Jews</i>
Sky	Jerusalem	ONE
WIND	Language	



Nutty Confessions

A young boy went for confession.

Boy: Forgive me Father for I have sinned, I threw peanuts in the river.

Priest: That's okay son, throwing peanuts in the river is not a sin, say one 'Our Father'. You may go.

A second boy entered after the first.

Boy: Bless me Father... I threw peanuts in the river.

Priest: There's nothing wrong with throwing peanuts in the river, my boy. Go and say one 'Our Father'.

A third boy came in immediately after, and he too had thrown peanuts in the river. When after that a fourth boy came in, the priest asked before he started.

Priest: Alright son, did you also throw peanuts in the river?

Boy: No Father! I am Peanuts!

Answer to Puzzle

Breathe into me, Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy. Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy. Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy.



PRAYER BEFORE GOING TO SCHOOL

Dear Jesus,
Thank You for this day and for all the
graces You have showered on me.
You have promised to be with me always.
I pray that You will be with me as I go to
school today.
Bless my going and my coming.
Jesus, I bring all my teachers to You,
and the subjects they will teach today.
Fill them with Your wisdom, love and
every grace they need. Bless my learning
and my playing. Please protect my heart
from fear, and keep me safe. Please give
me good friends. Give me joy this day
and thank You for loving me from head
to toe. In Your Name.
Amen.

