

“Come, o blessed of My Father.”



The Children's Word

“Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven.” Mark 10:14

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Can you find Christ?

You have probably looked at “I-Spy” books, or maybe “Where’s Waldo,” haven’t you? You stare at a page with all kinds of pictures, and then you have to pick out something there, like a key or an apple, or Waldo himself. Sometimes you might look at the page for a long time, searching for your object.



An I-Spy book. Can you find the button?

In today’s Gospel reading we hear about how we have to try to search for Christ sometimes. Where? We search for Him in other people, in those around us! The Gospel tells us that when we help other people, we are helping Christ too. When we ignore other people, we are hurting Christ.

The hard part is that we can search and search and search, and we still won’t see Christ—well, not like He looks in the icons in our church. When somebody comes to us for help, we have to look at that person and search to see Christ. But how? We know that every person is made in the image of God. That means that we are all like God, in some way.

When we know somebody needs help, remember that God made that person, and He made him in His image. When we search and find God, then we want to help, don’t we?

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Christina
- Compassion
- Hungry
- Judgment
- Kingdom of Heaven
- Least of These
- Martyr
- Persia
- Saint
- Thirsty

E R C W M O Q B V P R M Y C Q
 Z J B H T A X C N G Y U T W F
 Y S T N E M G D U J T K S Y A
 F R I M J X W D M L R N R Q X
 P A G D A A J M N N A S I Q O
 S F O N H N I E O D M H H V A
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ST. CHRISTINA OF PERSIA

AN UNKNOWN SAINT

Sometimes, we can find tons of books about a saint. Think about Saint Constantine. He was an emperor who lived hundreds of years ago. We still know lots about him, what he did for the Church, and what his mother, Saint Helen, did too. We hear stories about other saints, about their lives, wrote they wrote or did, and about miracles they've helped with.



St. Christina of Persia

But there are thousands and thousands of other saints we don't know much about at all. We might not know their *names*. We might not know *where* they lived. We might not know *when* they lived. We might not know *what* they did during their lives. And chances are, we won't really know what they looked like.

This week we will remember Saint Christina. Really, the only thing we know about her is that she lived in Persia (today it is Iran). And we know that she was whipped again and again because she was a Christian. She died for her faith.

Here we are, 1700 years later. We still remember her because she did the noblest thing she could do! She kept her faith in our God. And that is what God asks each one of us to do. He wants us to be loyal to Him, just like Saint Christina was!

We celebrate St. Christina on Wednesday, March 13th (OC: March 26th).

WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

We don't know all the saints, of course. In a couple months, we will see this icon of "All Saints."

Maybe Saint Christina of Persia is one of these saints!

