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"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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"He told me all that I ever did!"

Have you ever broken something, by accident? Yes? What did vou do then? Did vou admit that you broke it—a toy, a fancy glass, something that belonged to somebody else? Or did you cover it up and pretend it never happened?

Today, we hear the Gospel reading about the woman who came to get water at a well. When she got there, she met Jesus, Who was thirsty too, and they had a long conversation together. She wanted

to know how to worship God, and here she met God Himself!

The problem was that this woman had done lots of wrong things in her life. The Gospel says that she came to get water at noon, the hottest time of day. Nobody did that, because it was too hot to go out! But this woman came then because she was embarrassed by her life. She didn't want to see anybody there. This woman tried to cover up the things she had done wrong.

When she talked to Jesus though, He already knew what she had done! He knew it, but He still wanted to talk to her anyway. He taught her. He helped her have a stronger faith in God. Afterwards, she went off and told everybody, "He told me all that I ever did!" This woman knew that it is always better to admit you did the wrong thing, instead of covering it up. God wants us to admit when we do wrong too. That way, God can help us, just like He helped her!

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PREACH THE GOSPEL TO ALL NATIONS SAINTS JULIAN AND JULIAS

Have you ever come home from

school or somewhere, and you told your family something really exciting that happened to you that day? Well, that's kind of what happened to two saints we celebrate this week.

Saints Julian and Julias were two brothers who grew up on the beautiful island of Aegina in Greece. They were Christians, and they decided to go to Athens together to study and learn from the great Saint Basil and Saint Gregory the Theo-



logian. Julian became a deacon, and Julias became a priest. They were so excited and so happy about their Christian faith. They wanted to go home and tell the whole island about Christ!

So, they did! Many people in Aegina became Christian because of the work of these two brothers. They are called missionaries, because they had a mission to spread the good news about Jesus Christ.

God gave these two brothers the power to work miracles, and Saints Julian and Julias showed the people the power and love of God.

For a long time, people didn't really know about these two amazing saints, but now they are very well-loved, especially in Aegina. There is a special chapel dedicated to them there, but the people want to build a big and beautiful church named after them. They followed the Lord's command to preach the good news to anybody who would listen!

We celebrate Saints Julian and Julias on Monday, May 19th (OC: June 1).