

Who Am I?

Cut the cards apart. Read a clue aloud and let the children guess. The answer is upside down at the bottom.

1 Who am I?

"I am the mother of Jesus. When the angel Gabriel brought me God's message, I said yes."

Mary, Queen of All Saints

2 Who am I?

"I was a carpenter in Nazareth. I took care of Mary and Jesus and kept them safe."

Saint Joseph

3 Who am I?

"I was a fisherman until Jesus called me to follow him. He gave me the keys of the kingdom of heaven."

Saint Peter

4 Who am I?

"I gave away my fine clothes, cared for people everyone else was afraid of, and called the sun my brother."

Saint Francis of Assisi

5 Who am I?

"I left my grand home to live simply for God, and I was Saint Francis's dearest friend."

Saint Clare of Assisi

6 Who am I?

"I was a farm girl who put on armor and carried a white banner for God and my country."

Saint Joan of Arc

7 Who am I?

"I was a bishop who tossed bags of gold through a window at night, then hurried away before anyone could thank me."

Saint Nicholas

8 Who am I?

"I was told I was far too young, so I asked the Pope himself. I did small things with great love."

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

9 Who am I?

"I was taken to Ireland as a slave when I was a boy. Years later I went back to tell the Irish people about God."

Saint Patrick

10 Who am I?

"I was a Mohawk girl born in what is now New York. I loved to pray, and I made little crosses in the woods."

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

11 Who am I?

"I cared for the poorest and sickest people on the streets of Calcutta, in India. My sisters wear white saris with blue stripes."

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

12 Who am I?

"I lived not long ago and loved computers and video games. I made a website about Jesus in the Eucharist."

Saint Carlo Acutis

My Saint Badge

Write your saint's name, draw something that belongs to them, color it in, and cut it out.

Tape it to your clothes for the saint parade.



All Saints Day in the classroom: leader's guide

A guessing game, a saint badge for every child, a saint parade and a class litany, for children aged 4 to 9. It takes 40 to 50 minutes and needs very little preparation.

You'll need

One copy of the clue cards, cut apart. For each child: one badge (each page has six), crayons, scissors and tape. Costumes are welcome but never needed: a badge is enough to join the parade.

What All Saints Day is

On November 1 the Church celebrates all the saints in heaven: the famous ones, and the many whose names only God knows. Tell the children that saints were real people, many of them once children too, who loved God and helped others, and that every one of us is called to be a saint. The evening before, October 31, is All Hallows' Eve, which is where the name Halloween comes from.

The plan

- **Who am I? (10 minutes).** Read a clue card aloud and let the children guess. Give an extra hint if they're stuck. Older children can make up clues of their own about saints they know.
- **Choose a saint (5 minutes).** Each child picks a saint: one from the cards, their name saint, or a family favorite. If a child can't decide, offer two or three from the cards. Any saint is fine, and two children can choose the same one.
- **Make the badges (15 minutes).** Each child writes their saint's name, draws something that belongs to that saint (Peter's keys, Francis's bird, Joan's banner, Thérèse's roses), and colors it in. Help the youngest with the writing.
- **The saint parade (10 minutes).** The children walk around the room or the hall, then each says one sentence: "I am Saint Joseph. I kept Mary and Jesus safe." Let shy children simply hold up their badge.
- **A class litany (5 minutes).** Each child in turn names their saint, and the whole class answers "pray for us." End all together with this line from the Litany of the Saints:

All you holy men and women, saints of God, pray for us.

Every child included

- Have spare badges ready, and a saint suggestion for any child who arrives without one.
- In a class with children of other faiths, invite them to choose a saint they would like to learn about, or to be a helper who reads out the clues.

More ideas for All Saints Day, including easy costumes for each of our saints, are at littlesaintsbighearts.com/all-saints-day