

THERESE LEARNS HOW TO MAKE PRESENTS FOR GOD

This is another story about Therese Martin, the little girl who made a promise to God, learned how to keep her promise, and became a saint. Now we call her Saint Therese of the Child Jesus.



ONE DAY Marie, one of Therese's four beautiful sisters, gave Therese a string of beads. She gave one to Celine too.

This is what Marie said about the beads: "Here is a string of beads to count your presents for God. All day long, every time you do something to please God, you pull a bead. When you say your night prayers, you can tell God how many little presents you have for Him."





TERESE and Celine loved their new beads. They did lots of little things every day to please God. Every time they made a present for God, they pulled a bead.






ONE DAY Therese went out into the fields. She chased a butterfly. She stopped to watch a grasshopper. She picked a big bunch of flowers.





HERESE took her flowers home. She sat down in the shade and began to make them into bouquets. Three bouquets! One for Mamma, one for Papa, and one for the statue of Mary, God's Mother.





ALONG came Grandmother. “Therese darling, what lovely flowers,” she said. “I’d love to have them for church. It’s my turn to put flowers on the altar this week.”

