

Joan of Arc



Brave Soldier for Peace

1412-1431

Born in Domrémy, France

Feast Day: May 30

Community Role: Soldier

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Dedication

To my family:
my parents Jim and Peg,
my husband Bill,
our son Sam and daughter-in-law Erin,
and our precious grandchildren
Ben, Lucas, and Andrew

To all the children I have had the privilege of
teaching throughout the years.

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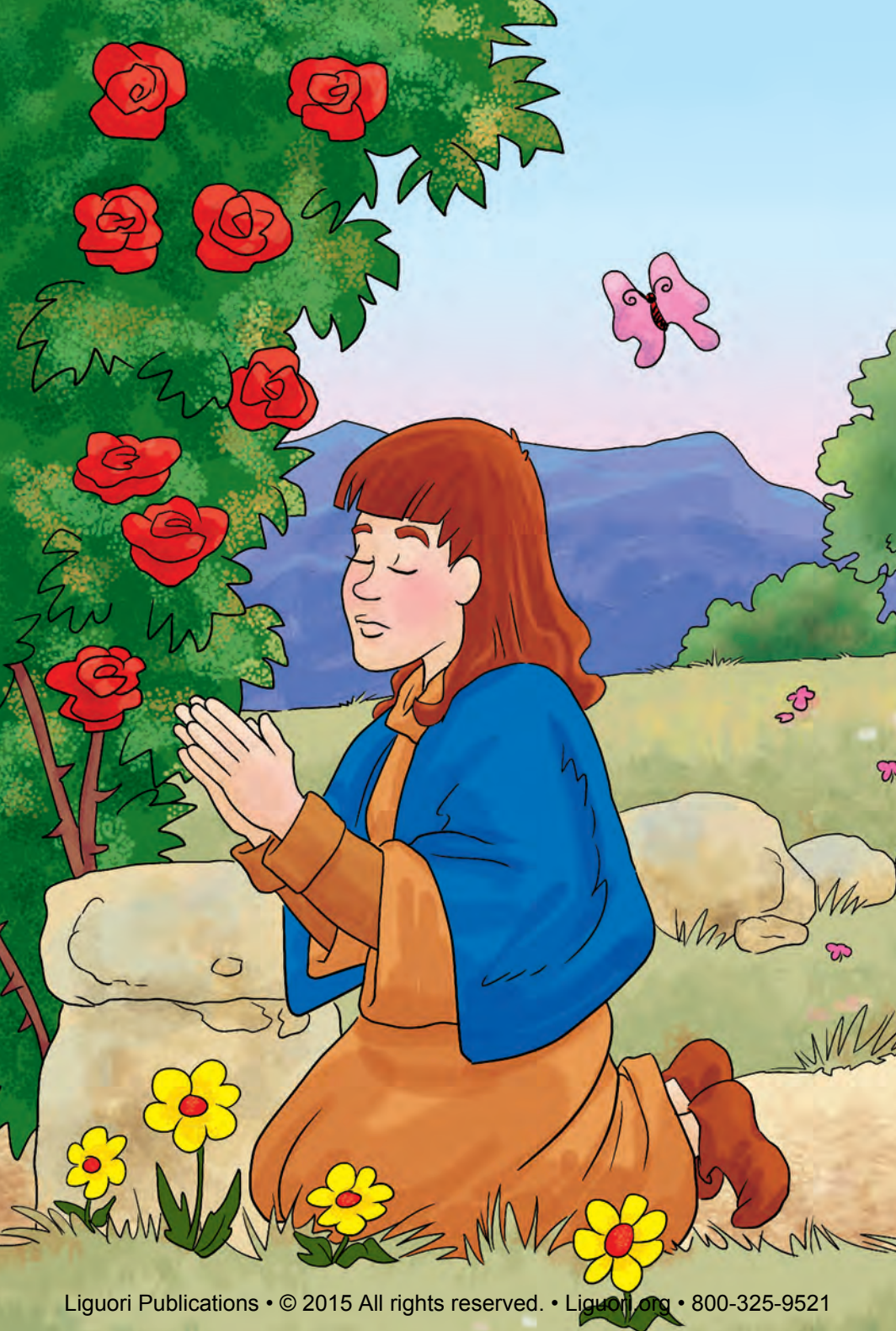
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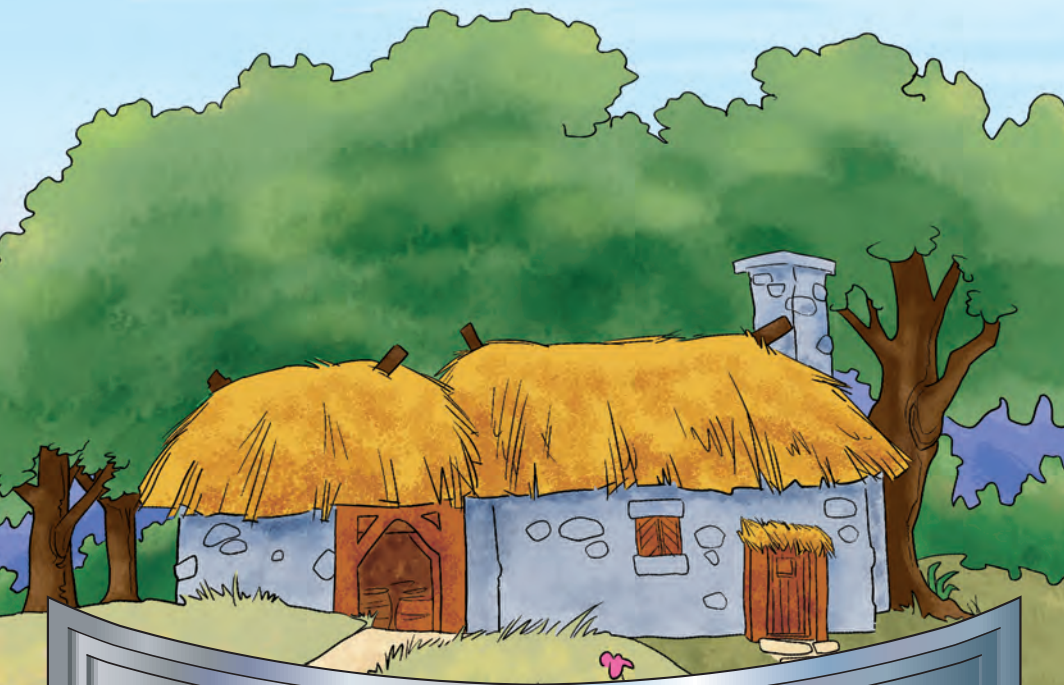


Joan of Arc was a brave and holy girl. She lived in France at a time when there were kings, castles, soldiers, and wars. French soldiers fought English soldiers. Joan wanted peace, not war. God made her a hero and a saint.

Joan lived in the small town of Domrémy. Everyone knew her because she was so nice. Joan liked to go to church and pray. She took care of the animals on her family's farm and spent time in her father's garden. Whenever she could, Joan helped her neighbors and did kind deeds.







One summer day, as Joan walked in the garden, she heard someone call her name. She looked around but did not see anyone. A voice said, “You must help France and the king. God wants you to send the English army away!” Joan tried not to listen to the voices.

“I’m too young. I do not know how to fight,” Joan thought to herself. But she thought about what the voices said and prayed. She knew God was speaking to her.

