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Faith-Filled Father

1478–1535

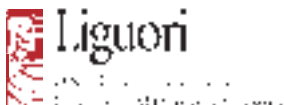
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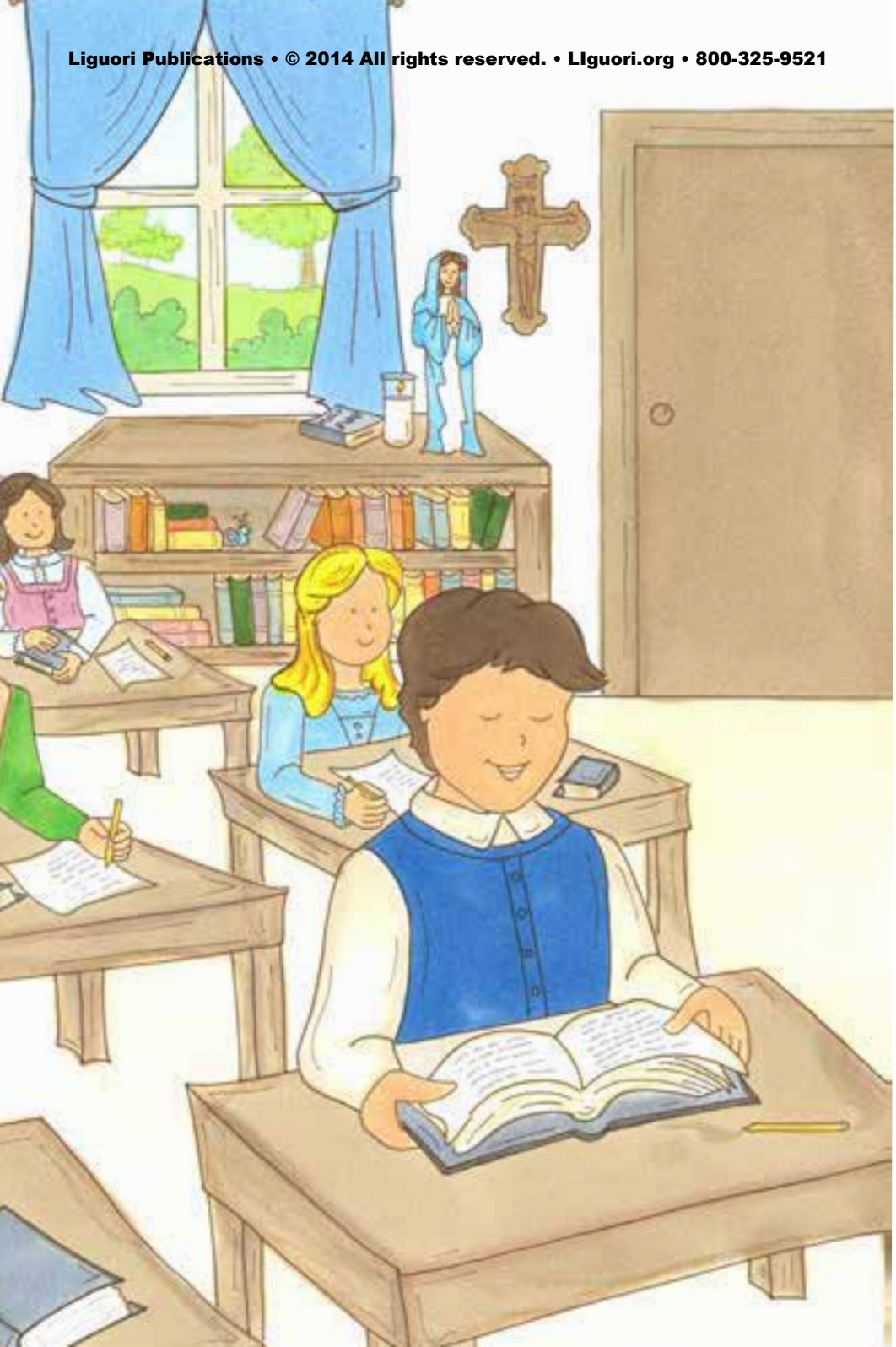
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Thomas More was born in London, England. He liked to study and learn new things. Thomas was a good student and had many friends. Children enjoyed playing with Thomas because he was funny and kind.





For a time, he stayed at the home of the archbishop of Canterbury. It was an exciting place. He met many important people there. Thomas learned how to help people and listen to them. "You are a fine young man," the archbishop told Thomas.

Thomas returned to school and studied very hard. "What should I be when I grow up?" he asked himself. He loved God very much. He thought about being a monk or maybe a priest. Thomas prayed and asked God to help him.

After much thought and prayer, he decided to become a lawyer like his father. He married a woman named Jane. They had four beautiful children. Thomas and Jane loved their children very much. "Children are gifts from God," said Thomas.



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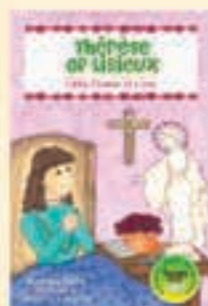
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