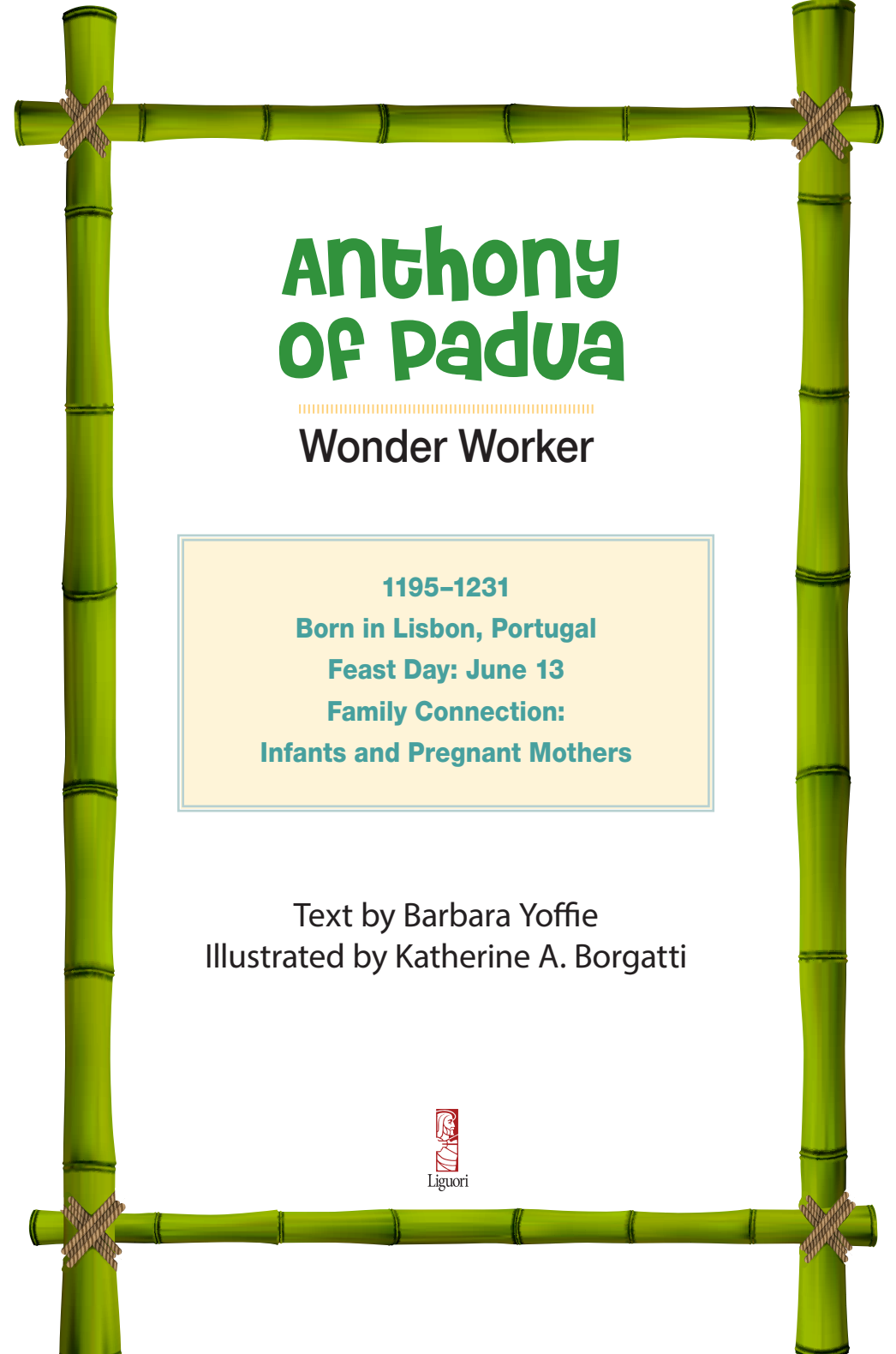




Anthony of Padua

Wonder Worker

1195–1231

Born in Lisbon, Portugal

Feast Day: June 13

Family Connection:

Infants and Pregnant Mothers

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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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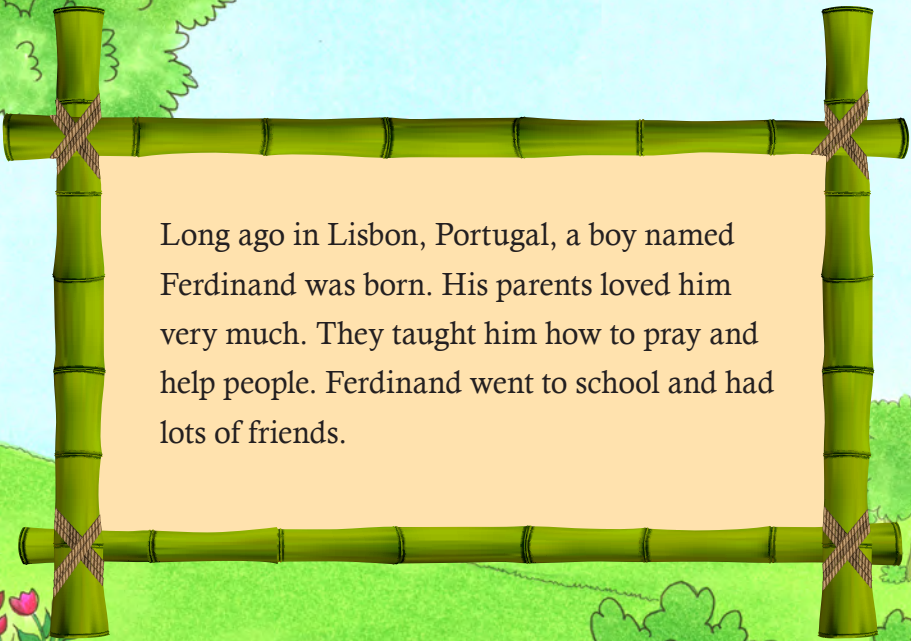
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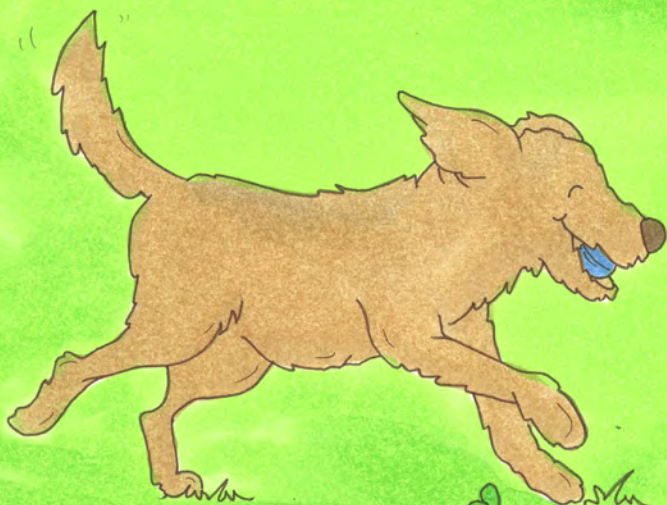
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Long ago in Lisbon, Portugal, a boy named Ferdinand was born. His parents loved him very much. They taught him how to pray and help people. Ferdinand went to school and had lots of friends.



Ferdinand wanted to be a priest. He loved to study, pray, and read the Bible. The Bible was his favorite book. When he was fifteen, he joined the Augustinian order.



