



saint Jude **the APOSTLE**

Blessed Are the Persecuted

First Century

Born in Galilee

Feast Day: October 28

Patron of Hope and Difficult Causes

**“Blessed are they who are persecuted
for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”**

Matthew 5:10

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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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Dear Parents and Teachers:

Saints and Me! is a six-set series of children's books about saints, including the *Saints of North America*, who served our homeland; *Saints of Christmas*, who teach us to love Jesus; *Saints for Families*, who modeled God's love within and for the domestic Church; *Saints for Communities*, who served Jesus through various roles and professions; and *Saints for Sacraments*, who showed great love for the sacraments.

The eight books in *Saints of the Beatitudes* (a word meaning "a list of blessings from God") introduce nine holy people who exemplify attributes Jesus articulated in his Sermon on the Mount. Faustina Kowalska's diary, *Divine Mercy in My Soul*, read by millions, helped spread God's message of mercy. Patrick, a missionary, brought Christianity to Ireland. Monica prayed her wayward son, Augustine, would return to the faith. He did and was canonized. Katharine Drexel abandoned her comfortable life to become a nun. Carlo Acutis shared his faith and love of the Eucharist through technology. Bernadette Soubirous experienced visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope John XXIII convoked the Second Vatican Council, hoping to revive the Church. Jude was an apostle of our Lord.

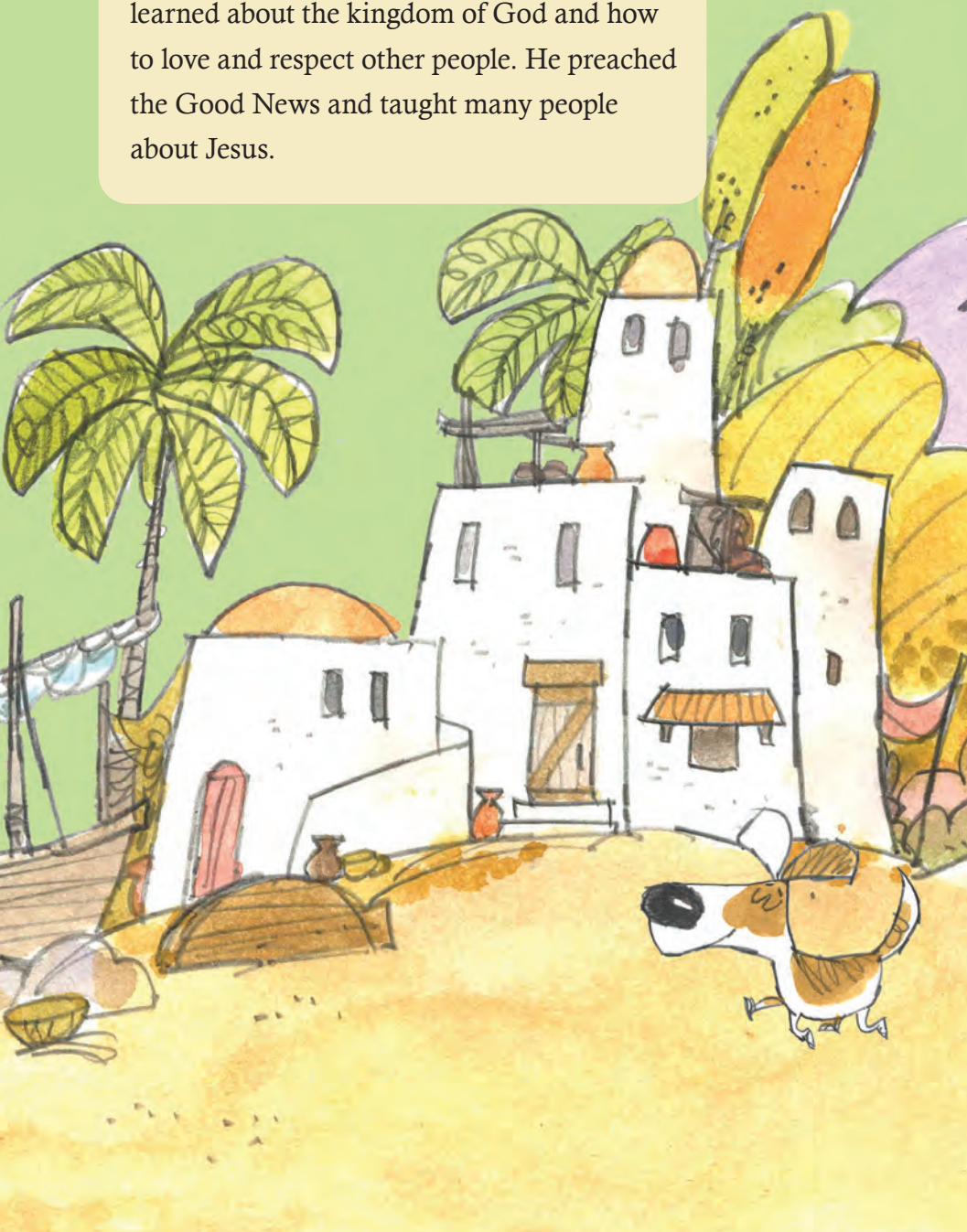
Which saint was captured by pirates and sold into slavery? Name the saints with back-to-back feast days (August 27–28). Who gave \$20 million to build churches and schools? Who created a website about eucharistic miracles? Who did Jesus appear and speak to? Who said, "My job is to inform, not to convince"? Who wrote *Peace on Earth* in 1963? Who is the patron of impossible causes? Find out in the *Saints of the Beatitudes* set—part of the *Saints and Me!* series—and help children connect to the lives of the saints.

Introduce your children or students to *Saints and Me!* as they:

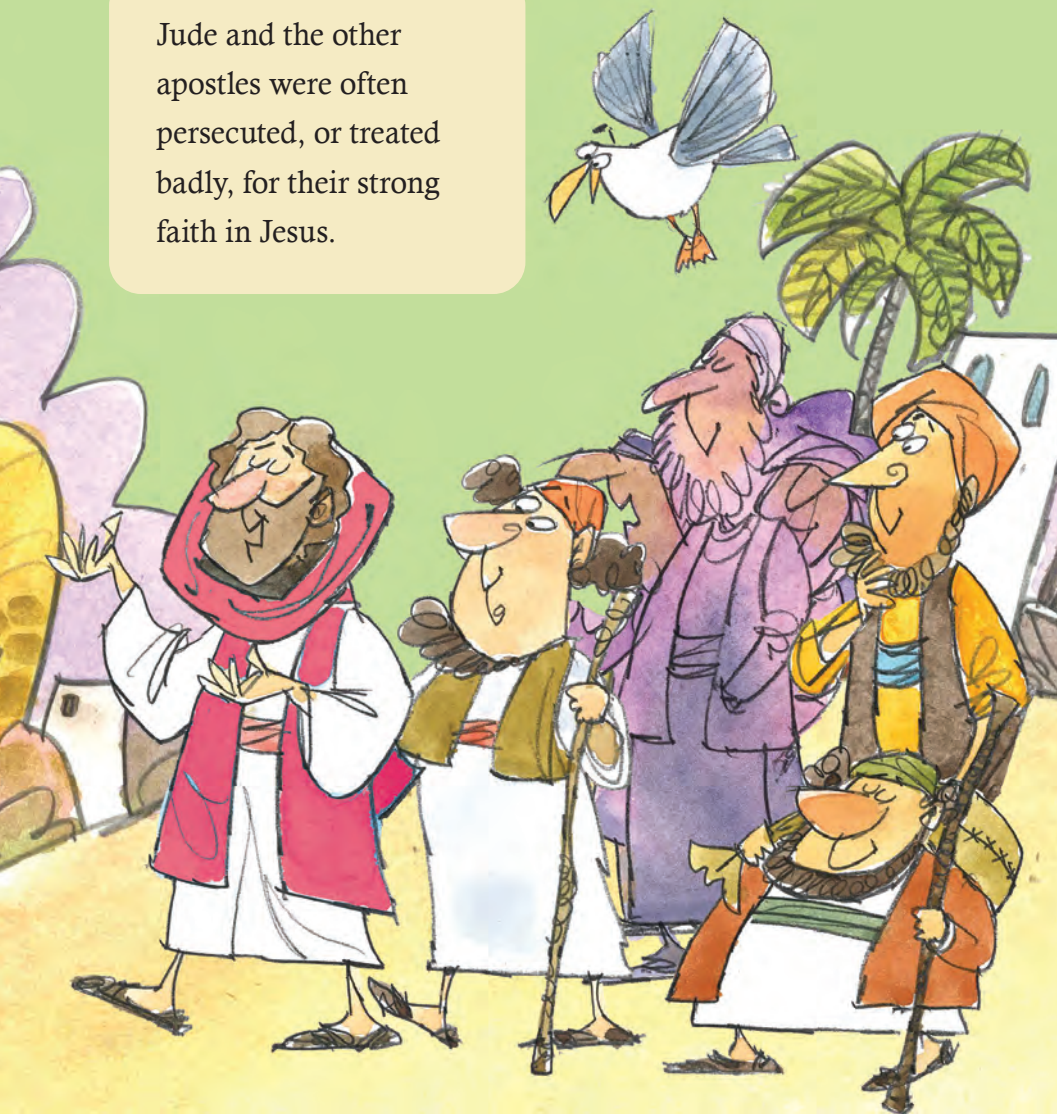
- READ** about the lives of the saints and are inspired by their stories.
- PRAY** to the saints for their intercession.
- CELEBRATE** the saints and relate them to their lives.

Free activities for children to use with this book
may be downloaded at Liguori.org.

Jude was chosen by Jesus to be one of his Twelve Apostles. He followed Jesus and learned about the kingdom of God and how to love and respect other people. He preached the Good News and taught many people about Jesus.



Jude and the other apostles were often persecuted, or treated badly, for their strong faith in Jesus.



Jude was also called Thaddeus, or Jude Thaddeus. His name sounds a lot like another apostle, Judas Iscariot. They were two different people. Judas Iscariot turned against Jesus. He helped soldiers arrest Jesus while he was praying in the garden with the other apostles. Jude would not hurt Jesus. He was a kind and loving apostle.



The Twelve Apostles were faithful followers of Jesus. They did everything together and became very good friends. Jesus taught them important lessons about how to treat people. "Help the poor and the sick. Feed hungry people. Treat all people with love and respect," Jesus told them.

