



Hard Work

ST ANTHONY'S LIFE STORY

WEEK 1



HIS LIFE PART 1:

- St Anthony was born in Lisbon, Portugal in 1195.
- Growing up he was a good student and loved God.
- Whenever he would feel tempted to do something wrong, he would make the sign of the cross.
- He was an altar server and went to mass every day.
- When he was young he decided he wanted to become a priest. When he was young he joined the Augustinian monks.
- Then when he was 25 years old, he heard about St Francis of Assisi and he decided to join St Francis order called the Franciscans.
- He went to Africa to teach about Jesus but he became sick and had to come back to Portugal. The ship he was on was taken off course and he ended up in Italy.

QUIZ PART 1:

1. Where was St Anthony born? Portugal.
2. What did he do to fight a temptation he experienced while praying in the Cathedral? A: He rushed up the steps of the Sanctuary and made the sign of the cross
3. What did he do every day in the Cathedral of Lisbon? A: He served at Holy Mass
4. Was he a good student? Yes.
5. What did St Anthony decide to do when he grew up? Become a priest.
6. What order did St Anthony first join? Augustinians.
7. What order did he switch over to and join? The Franciscans with ST Francis.
8. Where did St Anthony go to be a missionary? Africa.
9. What happened to him in Africa? He became ill and had to come back to Italy.



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HIS LIFE PART 2:

- He went to Assisi and was able to meet St Francis of Assisi in person.
- He went to a place in Northern Italy where he lived with the Friars and worked in a hospital doing the humblest jobs. He used the virtue of HARD WORK in the kitchen and the garden, helping the sick in the most ordinary, everyday ways.
- Through HARD WORK he knew the Bible backward and forward. He was very smart but no one knew it until one day he had to give a homily in church. When he spoke, everyone was amazed at what he said about God.
- From then on, St. Anthony traveled around Italy and France, preaching sermons in churches and town squares to people who came from miles around.
- He spoke about Christ to everyone who would hear him and even to those who would not. He did not care who was listening, his only desire was to speak and defend Jesus Christ.
- One day the crowd was so big listening to him preach, that he had to climb up into a walnut tree to speak.
- He was known as the wonder worker or miracle worker because he healed many people.
- In one town no one was listening to his sermon so he went out to the river and preached and all the fishes miraculously came to the shore to listen.

QUIZ Part 2:

1. When he was feeling better he went to a meeting in Assisi, Italy. Who did he meet there? A: St. Francis of Assisi

Where did he go and work? At a hospital cooking, gardening and doing dishes.

3. What talent was revealed while he gave this sermon? A: His talent for preaching

4. What did St Anthony do from that point on? Traveled from town to town teaching about Jesus.

5. During one of Anthony's sermons, where did he have to preach from because the crowd was so large? A: A walnut tree

6. Where did St Anthony teach? Italy and France.

What was St Anthony's nick name? The Miracle worker or the wonder worker.

Who did St Anthony go preach to one day because no one was listening? The Fish.

What happened? The fish came to shore to listen



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HIS LIFE PART 3:

- St Anthony had a book where he kept all his notes and prayers about God. One day, someone stole it from him. He prayed and prayed to God to please find the thief and the book and bring it back. The next day the thief returned with the book. That is why we pray to St Anthony for lost things because he prayed and got his book back. The prayer we say is “St Anthony, ST Anthony please look around. Something is lost and it must be found.”
- While St Anthony was studying the bible in his room, a great light surrounded ST Anthony and the infant Jesus appeared to him as a baby. Jesus gave St Anthony a hug. That is why statues of St Anthony have a baby Jesus hugging him on it. He was working hard and Jesus hugged him.

QUIZ Part 3:

What happened to St Anthony's special book with his prayers and notes? Someone stole it.

What did St Anthony do? He prayed to God to find it.

What happened to the book and the thief? He came back with the book and gave it to St Anthony.

Why do we pray to St Anthony to find lost things? Because he prayed to God and found his lost book.

What is the prayer we can say? St Anthony St Anthony, please look around. Something is lost and it must be found.

What happened to St Anthony when he was reading the bible in his room? Baby Jesus appeared to him in a great light.

What did Baby Jesus do? Hugged St Anthony.

What do you usually find on a statue of St Anthony? A baby Jesus in his arms.



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HIS LIFE PART 4:

- He was only 36 when he died and he was made a saint soon after.
- His last words were “ I see my Lord.”
- He died near Padua in Italy which is why he is known as St Anthony of Padua.
- Go over the whole life and do a recap with questions

QUIZ Part 4:

1. What did St. Anthony say just before he died? A: “I see my Lord”
2. How old was St. Anthony when he died? A: 36
3. Why is he known as St Anthony of Padua? Because he was buried there.
4. What country is Padua in? A: Italy
5. How is ST Anthony an example of hard work with God? St Anthony preached about God his whole life. He was obviously good friends with Jesus, because baby Jesus gave him a hug.
6. How is ST Anthony an example of hard work at home? St Anthony helped out with chores wherever he lived.
7. How is St Anthony an example of hard work at school? St Anthony was a great student and he worked hard to learn the bible.
8. How is St Anthony an example of hard work to be a good friend? He was a friend to everyone, healed people and was friends with St Francis.

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