Saint Brother André of Montreal

Materials Needed: Biography of Saint Brother André of Montreal; work sheets, crayons, colouring pencils, copies of the prayer sheet

Catechist Preparation:
1. Read the short biography of Saint Brother André of Montreal.
2. Copy the work sheets—one per child.
3. Think of a person in your life whom you consider to be very special. Be prepared to share with the children.

Gathering:
1. Ask the children to close their eyes and sit quietly for a moment.
2. Ask them to think of a person that they know who is very special to them.
3. Ask them: What makes that person special?
4. Prompt them with: Is your special person—helpful, prayerful, kind, happy, generous, loving, caring, hopeful?
5. Ask them to think of two things that make the person special.
6. Share, with the children, your special person and two qualities about them. In turn, ask the children to share their special person and their two qualities with the group.
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Listening

1. Tell the story of Saint Brother André of Montreal.

2. Place emphasis on qualities such as: prayerfulness, kindness, caring, healing, welcoming.

3. Explain that these qualities in Saint Brother André of Montreal were qualities that made him a saint. God called an ordinary man to do his work by praying for healing for others, by welcoming others, by kindness. He was special. We too are called to be special and share the gifts and talents that God has given us with our neighbours.

Doing

1. On the worksheet ask the children to draw pictures according to the captions.

2. In turn, have the children share one of their drawings with the group.

Going

1. Explain to the children that, just as Saint Brother André of Montreal, an ordinary Canadian man, was called by God to do good, we too are called to share our gifts and talents with others.

2. Bring the session to close with a prayer to Saint Brother André of Montreal.
Prayer

Lord,

Thank you Lord for all the gifts that you have given us.

Like Saint Brother André of Montreal we want to use our gifts to do good in this world.

Grant us strength and courage so that, by our actions, we show our faith in You.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

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Saint Brother André of Montreal Prays to God

Saint Brother André of Montreal Helps the Sick
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Saint Brother André of Montreal Prays to Saint Joseph

Saint Brother André of Montreal Welcomes His Neighbours