

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

"Let the children come to me, do not hinder them," (Mk 10:14)

To Be A Saint!

Each week during this season of Lent, I'll post excerpts from a story found on the website *Catholic Kids 101*. You can find the full story on Benji's page.

...Charlie parked his car in the parking lot across the street from the Church, Our Lady of Sorrows, and right next to the parish school. He turned off the ignition and let out a big sigh. It was actually two hours before school was over and the parking lot was quiet. Charlie had left his high school early to pick up his little brother, Bennett, who was in big trouble. Just for fun, Bennett and two of his buddies had pulled the fire alarm! School cameras caught them in the act. When the alarm went off, fire engines automatically came, disrupting the school schedule. For doing this, the principal suspended Bennett and his two friends from school for an entire week! Charlie got out of his car and slowly made his way to the principal's office. About twenty minutes later, Charlie and Bennett emerged from the school, Charlie walking two steps ahead of Bennett. "But Charlie!" cried Bennett. "I told you! It wasn't my fault! I didn't pull that fire alarm! Jimmy did!" "But you were with him," answered Charlie. "You were standing right next to him. I'm not dumb, Bennett. I saw the video clip. I saw you laughing. You didn't even try to stop him, did you?" "I don't see why everybody is so upset!" exclaimed Bennett, carefully avoiding Charlie's question. "It was just a prank! Nobody got hurt!" Charlie stopped walking, turned around and looked right at Bennett. "The firefighters came to a false alarm, Bennett. What if a real fire would have happened and they were late getting there because of your prank. That costs money for them to come, you know. It's not free. Somebody has to pay for that. And you disrupted the school schedule." Charlie turned back around and the two boys walked towards the car in silence...

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The First Station of the Cross

*...After about a minute Bennett asked, "Charlie?" "What?" "Do you think Dad will be really mad?" Charlie sighed. "I don't know. But if I did what you did when I was your age, I would have been grounded for a year! Listen, Bennie. You're my only brother and I love you. You just can't keep getting into trouble like this. I'm trying to help you but I can't seem to make you understand that you have to **want** to do the right thing. There is only one Person I can think of right now who can help you see what I'm trying to tell you." ...Charlie opened the Church door and held it open for Bennett. The Church was dimly lit and it took a few moments for their eyes to adjust. They dipped their fingers in the holy water fount and blessed themselves. Then Charlie walked across the middle of the Church and paused before Jesus in the tabernacle. He genuflected, bending his right knee to the ground. Bennett did the same. They walked over to the other side of the Church and Charlie stopped. "Why are we stopping here?" asked Bennett. "Because," said Charlie, "we're going to walk the Stations of the Cross..."*