

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

To Be A Saint!

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

...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." "But, Charlie! It's not even Lent!" exclaimed Bennett. "You can pray the Stations of the Cross anytime," insisted Charlie. "Well...I guess so," admitted Bennett reluctantly. Charlie continued, "Now we are the only people here besides Jesus, the Divine Person, in the tabernacle. You go ahead and read out loud the name of each Station." "Do I have to, Charlie?" asked Bennett, letting out a big sigh. "Like I said before, Bennie, you can't keep getting into trouble. Pulling the fire alarm at school just for fun is big trouble! I'm trying to help you but I just can't seem to make you understand. You have to **want** to do the right thing and there is only one Person I can think of right now who can help you understand what I'm trying to tell you." Bennett let out another sigh, looked up at the First Station of the Cross and read: "Jesus is condemned to death by Pilate." "Do you remember what we say and do at the beginning?" asked Charlie. "I'll say, 'We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You,' as we genuflect." "Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world," answered Bennett. "Yes, yes, I remember." "Now let's just look at the picture and think about what's happening for a minute," said Charlie. "Pontius Pilate was the Roman Governor that condemned Jesus to die on the Cross. He has just washed his hands to try and say he's innocent of causing Jesus' death. He's trying to **excuse** his actions." Bennett studied the picture. He had never looked at it that closely before. He noticed the Crown of Thorns on Jesus' head. Jesus looked sad...

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The Third Station of the Cross

...They moved to the Second Station of the Cross and Bennett read, "Jesus bears His Cross." "We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You." "Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world." ... "You know, Charlie, if I were there, I would have knocked all those men down who are hurting Jesus. I would have taken a light saber or something and gotten rid of them all!" "No, Bennie. Jesus could have killed every one of those men in an instant if He wanted to. But He didn't. He wanted to teach us a lot of things by His patience. Jesus suffered because He loves us and wants to save us from our sins." They moved to the Third Station of the Cross. "Jesus falls the first time." "We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You." "Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world." ... "Charlie, I never noticed it before. Do you see how the Cross is right on top of Jesus? That must have really hurt Him!" Charlie didn't say anything. The two brothers stood in silence. Then Charlie moved to the Fourth Station of the Cross with Bennett slowly following behind him...