

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 moved to the next Station. "Jesus is nailed to the Cross." "We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You." "Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world... Charlie, I think this is the hardest one to look at. Why would anyone want to nail Jesus to the Cross? All He ever did was good things for people." Charlie replied, "I think if Father Anderson were here, he could answer your question a lot better than me. What I can tell you is that Jesus is our Savior. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." Charlie paused a moment then continued, "When we look at the nails in His feet, we can ask Jesus to never let us use our feet to walk to places that He would not want us to go. And when we look at the nails in His hands, to never let us use our hands in ways that He would not want us to use them." As Bennett studied the picture, he remembered that he was suspended from school for a whole week! It was because he had used his feet to walk down an empty hallway to an area he knew he should not have been in. And when Jimmy used his hand to pull the fire alarm, it was Bennett who was guilty of pulling it too because he was daring Jimmy and encouraging him to do it. What Bennett did was wrong! It was a sin! And as he thought about Jesus being nailed to the Cross, he realized pulling the fire alarm did hurt Someone. His disobedience hurt Jesus! "Okay, Charlie," whispered Bennett, trying hard to fight back the tears. When they came to the next Station and Bennett didn't say anything, Charlie realized that his brother was crying. Charlie went ahead and read, "Jesus dies on the Cross." Then Charlie knelt down and Bennett did the same...

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The Eleventh Station of the Cross

... "I'm okay now, Charlie," said Bennett, wiping his eyes with the back of his hand. "I can say it now. Jesus is taken down from the Cross and placed in the arms of His Mother." "We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You." "Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world." Charlie explained, "I want to tell you something about this Station, Bennie. You know how Mom has a picture just like this one in the kitchen? Once she told me that every night after we are asleep, she comes downstairs, sits at the kitchen table and prays a decade of the Rosary, thinking about this moment." Charlie pointed to the Station picture. "She told me that she asks Mother Mary to help each one of us children to always follow Jesus." "I'm sorry, Charlie!" cried Bennett. "I'll try and do better! I promise I'll try to never do stupid things again like pulling a fire alarm. You were right. What I did was wrong and deep down I really did know it." Charlie gently squeezed his little brother's shoulder. "Just one more left, Bennie..."