

CELEBRATING ALL SAINTS

SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II

St Pope John Paul II (or JP II for short) was born as Karol Wojtyła in Poland in 1920. As a boy, he loved playing football, acting in plays, and spending time outdoors. But his life changed when his mother, brother, and father all died while he was still young. Even though he was sad, he trusted God and grew stronger in his faith.



During World War II, Karol secretly studied to become a priest because it was dangerous to do so openly. He became a priest, then a bishop, and later a cardinal. In 1978, he was chosen to be the Pope, the leader of the Catholic Church, and took the name John Paul II. He travelled all over the world to share God's love, especially with young people. He taught that every person is special and loved by God. Even when he was very sick and old, he kept smiling and praying. He died in 2005 and was later made a saint. Today, we remember him as a joyful and brave friend of Jesus who helped many people grow closer to God.

STORY WHEEL

St Pope John Paul II had an adventurous heart and lived during some very challenging times in history. As you make this story wheel about his life, think about what adventures you might have. Remember God is always with you!

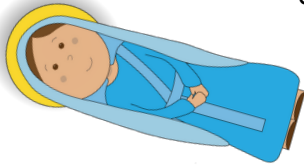
YOU WILL NEED:

- Print the two circles on to card (option to print the illustrate version or the blank version for children to draw their own)
- Colouring pencils/pens
- scissors
- Butterfly clip/fasteners (see below)

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Have the children cut out the templates.
- Read the events of St Pope John Paul II's life.
- Invite the children to colour or draw images to support the text.
- Carefully punch holes through

MOTHER MARY PROTECTED HIM WHEN SOMEONE TRIED TO HURT HIM



POPE JP II CANONISED 482 SAINTS
DURING HIS TIME AS POPE
Declares Saint Therese of Lisieux a
Doctor of the Church



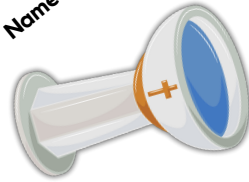
1997

DIES AND GOES TO HEAVEN
9 years after he dies Pope Francis declares
Pope John Paul II a Saint



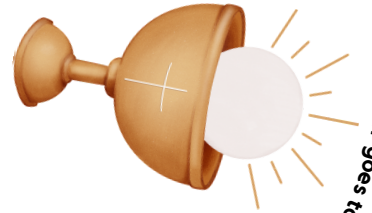
2005

Named Karol Wojtyla and was baptized
June 20 in Wadowice, Poland



BORN MAY 18TH 1920

RECEIVES FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



JP II's Mother goes to Heaven

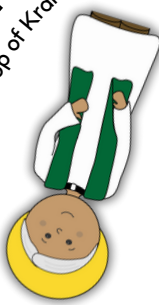
STUDIES FOR THE PRIESTHOOD IN
SECRET DURING WORLD WAR II



Works as manual
labourer during
World War 2

1942

1946 BECOMES A PRIEST



1946 - 1967

1967 ELECTED AS A CARDINAL
1964 was appointed the Archbishop of Krakow, Poland

1978

1978 ELECTED POPE!



Elected as the 264th Pope!

