

Year A - Feast of All Saints

Matthew 5:1-12

Saints Musical Statues



Background

Call out a Beatitude-inspired action, and kids act it out like a quick round of charades or freeze-dance. Each action connects to a saint's real-life virtue.

Instructions

- Play some upbeat Christian music, children are encouraged to dance around/make a conga line and then freeze when the music stops.
- Then the leader will call out one of the following poses and children must work in pairs to make that action.
- It is an elimination game, once you've had a few practice rounds, start getting kids to sit down if they've done the wrong action or are too slow.
- Once the children have finished making the action, restart the music and start again.
- Actions:
 - **Helping hand:** Kids pretend to help someone up. Saint link: St Mary MacKillop helping the poor.
 - **Peacemaker pose:** Kids make a "peace" gesture to a friend. Saint link: St Francis calming animals and people.
 - **Courage stand:** Partners stand back-to-back, arms linked at the elbows, standing tall. Saint link: St Maximilian Kolbe showing courage.
 - **Prayer hands:** Kids freeze in a prayer pose. Saint link: St Dominic praying for others.
 - **Gentle balance:** Kids face each other, touch both palms together, and take one slow step back while keeping hands connected. Saint Link: showing gentleness at trust like St Thérèse.
 - **Joyful Mirror:** Partners mirror each other's joyful movements: a wave, a jump, a big smile. Saint link St Clare reflecting God's joy.

Extra

Resources

Check out the Encounter Catholic Kids "It's All Saints" video on YouTube. Scan the QR code below to access.

