

Kids' Connection!

This Month We Learn About saint blaise

Who was he?

Not much is known about St. Blaise, except that he was a Bishop in Armenia and died for his faith. Many stories have been told about him though. Some say he was a doctor before he was made a bishop when he was very young. It is also said that God told him to leave town and become a hermit who lived in a cave where he befriended wild animals. He was eventually found in the cave by hunters and imprisoned. While in prison, he miraculously cured a young boy who was choking on a fish bone. After refusing to worship other gods, he was killed by Agricolaus, the governor of the town where he was imprisoned.

interesting facts

- People began to **ask for St. Blaise's intercession for throat sicknesses** beginning in the 6th century.
- He was one of the **most popular saints in the Middle Ages.**
- He is now honored by priests and deacons who use **two blessed, white candles, held in an "X," to bless the throats the the faithful.**
- St. Blaise's **feast day is February 3.**

Word Find

ANIMALS	CANDLES	HERMIT
ARMENIA	CAVE	MARTYR
BISHOP	DOCTOR	PRISONER
BLAISE	FISH BONE	THROATS

W A R H W W X S A S P A M A C
 L I Z B K J L U Y V F C A U L
 B N S R T A U C S F G Z R E K
 T E P F M D O Q B T G Z T V G
 V M U I Z T F I R L A D Y A A
 H R N C A N D L E S A O R C B
 U A Y D L C U K R O L I R I A
 J G B R G B D P Y O F C S H R
 O Q I S O Y R U H H T H Q E T
 M J T G T I M R E H O C X O B
 A R C E S O J H B P T R O B T
 X E N O B H S I F W U Z I D I
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