

# Kids' Connection!

## This Month We Learn About Saint Rita of Cascia

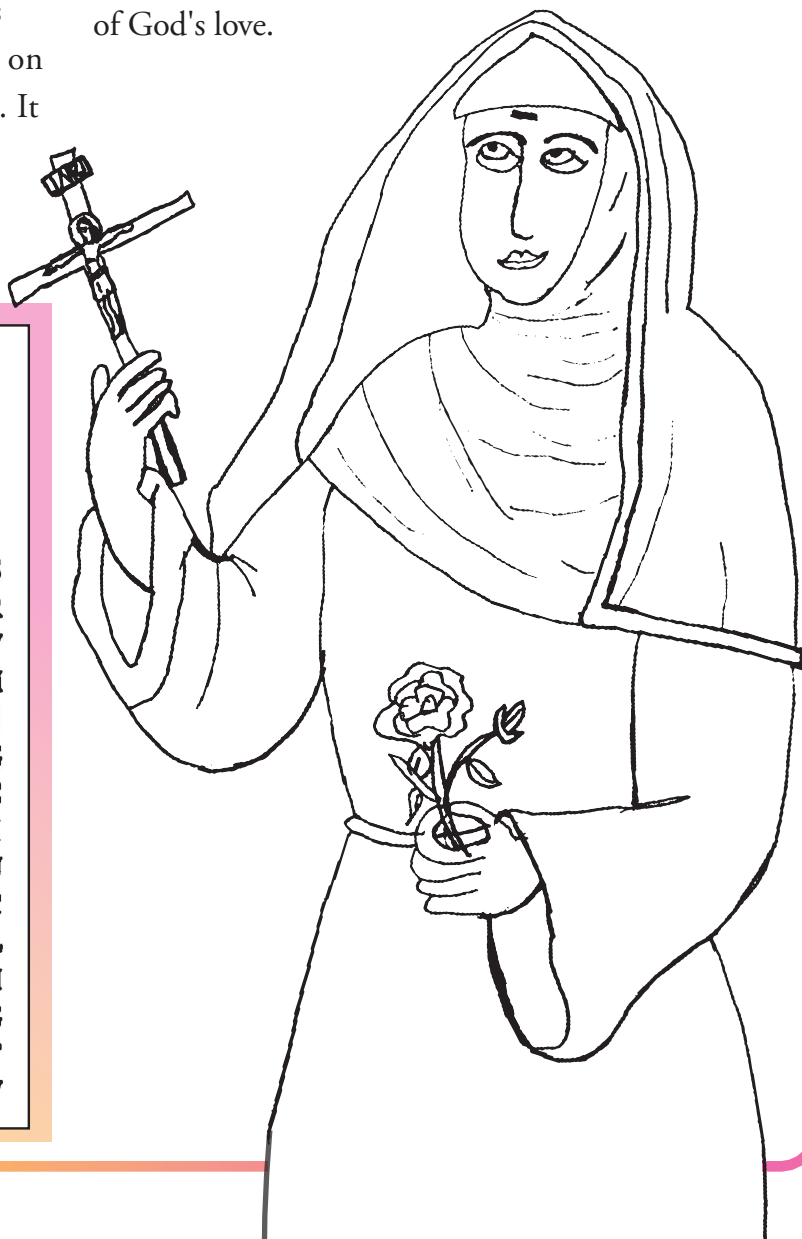
### Who Was She?

Rita was married when she was very young to a rich man with a hot temper who abused her.

Her husband's lifestyle eventually led to his murder by a feuding family. Her two sons later died from sickness. Afterwards, she desired to enter the monastery, but was told that she could enter only if she could create peace between her family and another family that had been fighting for a long time. When she was 60, she was meditating before Christ when a cut appeared on her forehead, like one from a crown of thorns. It stayed there for the next 15 years.

### Interesting Facts

- St. Rita is the **patron of impossible causes**, including abuse victims, loneliness, difficult marriages, widows, sickness and inability to have children.
- Near her death, Rita asked for a rose from her parents' garden, but it was January. Despite that, a relative **found one brightly colored rose** in the garden. She brought it to Rita who saw it as a sign of God's love.



### Word Find

ABUSE	INCORRUPT	RITA
AUGUSTINIAN	MONASTERY	ROSE
CASCIA	MOTHER	STIGMATA
IMPOSSIBLE	PEACEMAKER	THORNS

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