

Lighted Lanterns
Companion

Level A Reader

2nd Edition

FOREWORD

It became apparent that it would be convenient to have a resource with all the stories that were used in Lighted Lanterns Level A for those who would like the whole story.

In our first edition, some of our sources were from books too large to include. This second edition has been updated to have stories that go with each lesson of the workbook. All Copywork Selections in the workbook are taken from the stories in this reader.

HOW TO USE:

This reader is divided into 8 units to coincide with the 8 units in Lighted Lanterns Level A.

It is meant to be used as a supplemental resource. Use it according to your students' abilities. Have them read it or you read it to them as you work your way through each unit.

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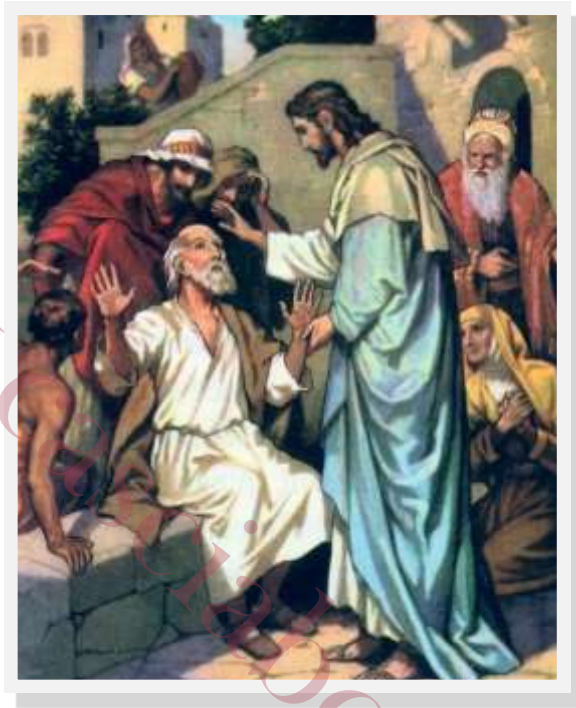
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Unit One

Our Lord

JESUS CURES THE BLIND MAN



One day, Jesus was walking with His disciples. Soon, they came to a man who had been blind since birth.

The disciples [dih-SI-puhls] asked, “Rabbi, who sinned? This blind man or his parents?”

Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents have sinned. It was so that the works of God may be able to be seen in him. I must do the work of God, My Father, Who sent me while it is yet day. For the night comes, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

After Jesus said these words, He spat on the ground and made some clay. He put the clay on the blind man’s eyes.

Then He said to the blind man, “Go, wash in the pool.” The blind man smiled. He just knew Jesus was going to do something special for him.

The blind man went to the pool, and washed his eyes. He was not blind anymore! He could see!



BLESSED IMELDA



A long time ago, there lived a lovely little girl named Imelda. When she was still a child she was taken to a convent to live with the Sisters.

In those days even very little children were taken to the convent. Imelda wore a habit like the Sisters wore. How cute she must have looked!

She was sweet, too, which suited her because her name means “go, give honey!”

Now, there was one thing above all other things that Imelda wished for, and that was Holy Communion.

But though she was already ten years old, they would not let her; for it was the custom at that time not to let young people go to Holy Communion as they do now.

Oh, how little Imelda longed for the Bread of Life!

One day, when the Sisters had gone back to their places after Mass, something amazing happened.

A miracle!

A little Host was seen floating in the air just above Imelda.

And there it stayed: Jesus wanted to give Himself to the girl who loved Him.

Quickly a priest was called. He came with the golden paten. The Host came down gently upon it. And he gave Holy Communion to the girl.

Oh, the love that burned in her heart then! Her one great wish was granted her.

For a long time she knelt so still in her joy with a love-light from heaven on her fair young face – for so long a time, in fact, that some of the Sisters came up to speak with her.



They found that her First Communion had also been her last; Jesus had taken her up to heaven to enjoy Him forever. Imelda had fallen into the sleep of death.



Blessed Imelda is known as the Patron Saint of First Communicants.

SAVING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

During a war in France, a regiment that stopped for the night at a little village decided to sleep in the church, as it was the only place that would hold so many.

The priest had gone on a sick call, and, as he could not be home till night, the people of the village were troubled to know how to remove the Blessed Sacrament from the church.

While they were talking about what they should do, the village shoemaker said,

“If you wish, I will carry my little Mary to the altar, and she can take our Blessed Lord in her hands. Then, while she holds Him to her heart, I will carry her to the sacristy. She, only, will touch the luna*, and she is a little angel.”

As all agreed to this, the good man carried his child to the church. There she took the luna in her hands, and as she was carried to the sacristy, the villagers followed.

When they saw that our Lord was safe, they prayed from their hearts that

God would send His blessings on the little child who, in her innocence, did not fear to approach so near to Jesus.



* *Luna*: a circular holder with glass sides, metal circled with gold or gilded metal to hold the Sacred Host upright. It is a sacred vessel, having received the priest's blessing.

ST. ANTHONY

PATRON SAINT OF LOST ITEMS



Pictures of St. Anthony usually show the Child Jesus in his arms.

Do you know why?

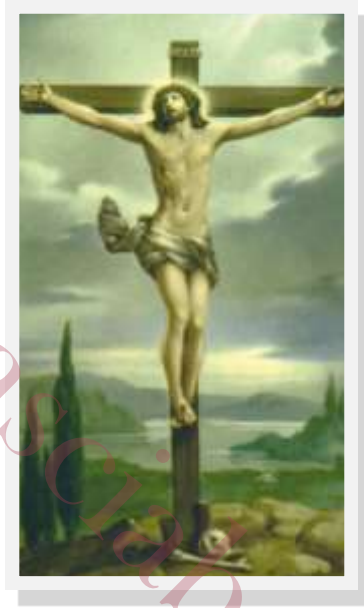
Because Our Lord once appeared to
St. Anthony as the Child Jesus!

St. Anthony is the Patron Saint of
lost items.

Next time you lose something,
remember to say a prayer to
St. Anthony asking him to
help you find it.

We celebrate St. Anthony's feast day on
June 13th.

POEM TO OUR SAVIOR



O Sacred Cross! O Holy Tree!
On which my Blessed Savior died,
Teach my poor heart the mystery
Of my Redeemer crucified.
Cross of my Savior! Sacred Sign!
Lead me from sin to grace divine.