

Saint Martin de Porres



In Advance

Gather supplies, display the Saint Poster, and stock your presentation area. Study pages 10–11 of the *Finding God Together* guide for general directions on facilitating the Saint Station, which should last 30 minutes. Use the following directions to introduce your saint.

Welcome

Welcome participants and introduce yourself. Invite participants to introduce themselves.

Direct the group's attention to the poster and introduce Saint Martin de Porres. Invite children to share what they see on the poster.

Ask: *What are some chores you do at home or at school? (cleaning my room; emptying the trash; picking things up)*

Discuss how we can serve God in both big and small ways.

Say: *Saint Martin de Porres was very humble. He did whatever God asked of him. You can be like him when you do your chores without complaining. Let's learn more about Saint Martin de Porres.*

Carry Out the Activity



Read aloud the following information:

Say: *Martin was born in 1579 in Peru. Peru is a country in South America. Martin was always kind and loving. He helped people who were sick. He opened an orphanage. He built a hospital. Martin wanted to serve people in need. He did any chores that needed to be done without complaining. At night, he prayed to God, giving him thanks and praise. Whenever Martin saw someone who was hurting, he asked, "How can I help?"*

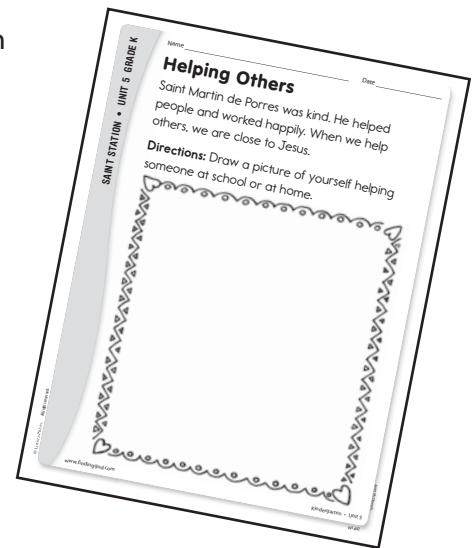
Tell children that they can ask "How can I help?" when they see someone who is hurt or in need. Invite groups to discuss how they help people in need.

Arrange participants into small groups. Distribute the Blackline Master and other supplies. As children draw their pictures, remind them that they can draw their faces with smiles to show that they are like Saint Martin.

Say: *Martin was always happy.* **Ask:** *Why do you think his actions made him happy? (He was helping others; he was showing people God loved them; he was doing Jesus' work.)*

Materials

- Pages 10–11 of the *Finding God Together: An Intergenerational Events Guide: Saint Stations*
- Poster of Saint Martin de Porres
- Copies of the Blackline Master (go to www.loyolapress.com/IGFE)
- Art supplies



Directions for Saint Station Leader

Wrap-Up

Bring the activity to an end and prepare the participants for prayer.

Say: *Saint Martin de Porres shows us that we can reach out to help others. When we help others, we are doing Jesus' work on earth. Let's ask God for the courage to help others and do what is asked of us without complaining.*

Invite participants to fold their hands and bow their heads. Pray the Sign of the Cross together. Pause for a moment and then pray aloud the prayer as the participants pray silently.



Dear God, I want to help others just as Saint Martin de Porres did. Help me be more like Jesus. Amen.

