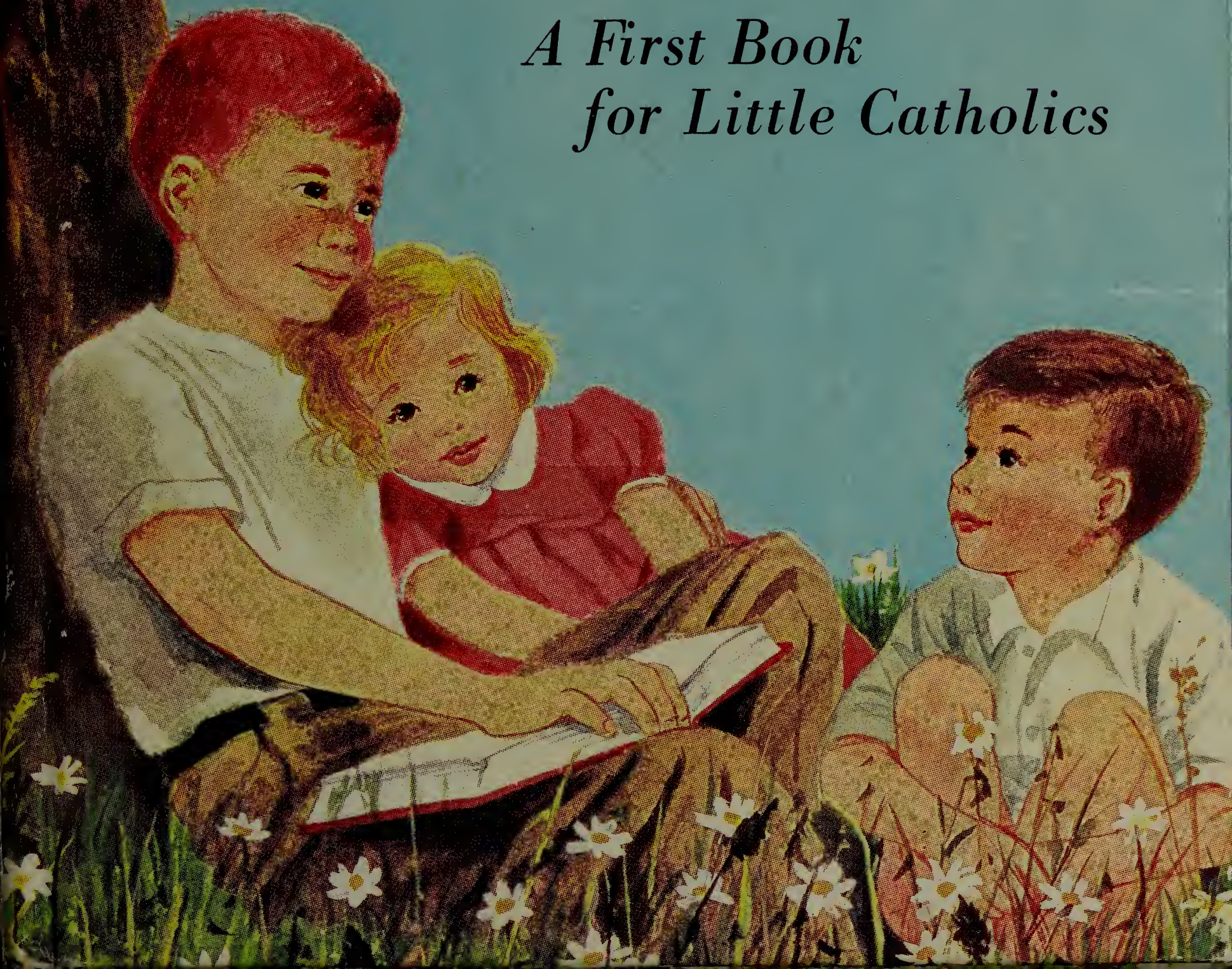


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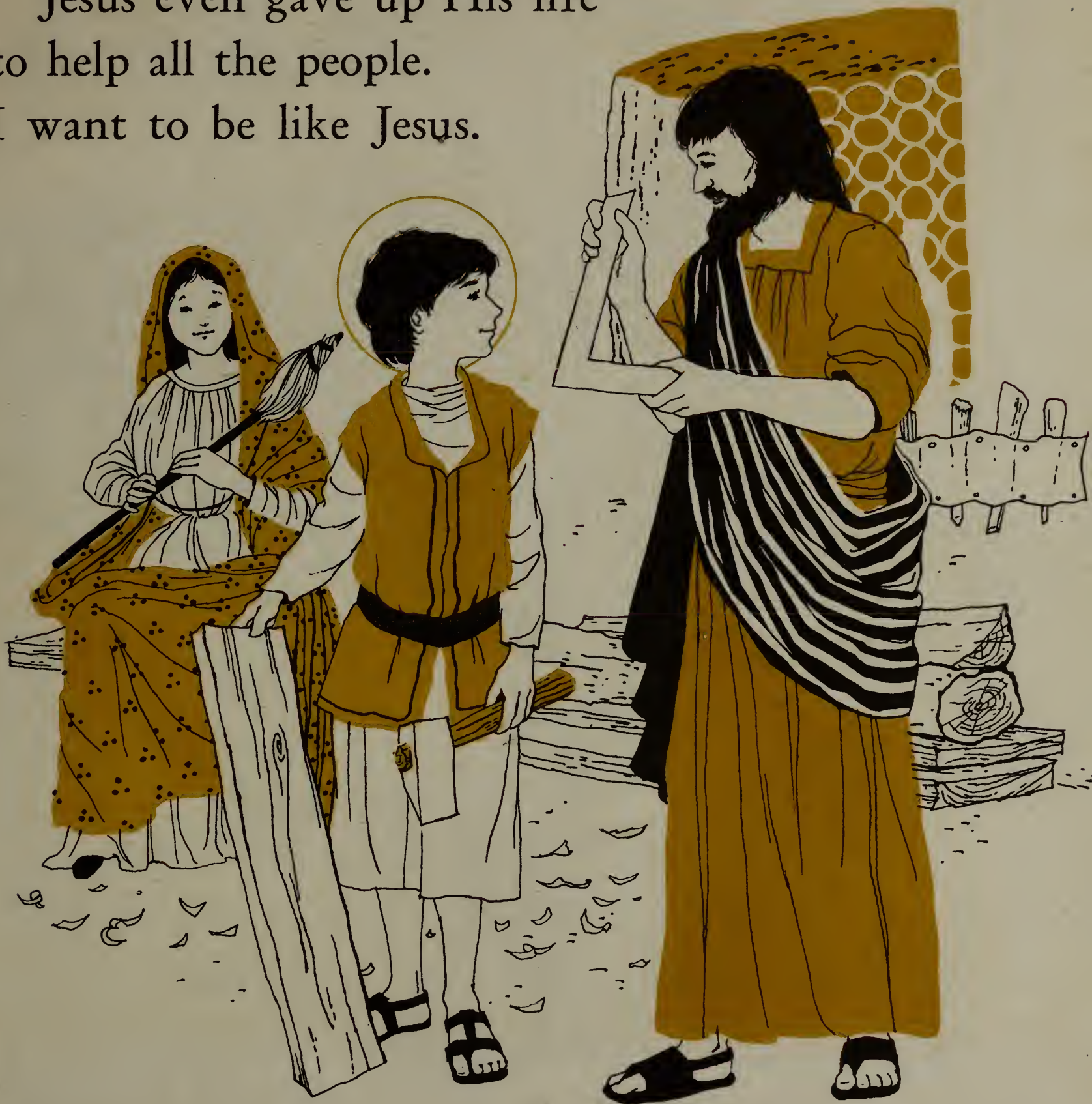
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I want to be good.
But I know
I cannot do it all by myself.
I must ask Jesus to help me. And Jesus is God.
Jesus was once a child like me.
He was good to everybody.

Jesus was glad to work for everybody.
And He always did the will of God the Father.

Jesus even gave up His life
to help all the people.
I want to be like Jesus.





In the morning, I first pray:
“My God, I offer Thee this day
All that I think or do or say,
Uniting it to what was done
On earth by Jesus Christ, Thy Son.”

When I am dressed,
I put my room in order.
Then I go downstairs.

I know Jesus always
obeyed His mother, Mary.



I am always ready to help older people.
I know how kind Jesus was
to the old and the sick.





I study hard in school because I know
Jesus wants me to use my mind
to know Him better.

I share the good things that mother gave me
with my school friends.

I show God how much I love Him
when I am good to others.





I know Jesus always helped His Mother.
Sometimes my mother asks me
to pick up the groceries.

I do not waste time on my way home
because mother is waiting for them.



Before I cross
the street, I look
at the sign.

It says: STOP.

So I obey and wait.

I know that Jesus
was always obedient.
I want to be like Jesus.

Now I may go
because the sign
says so.



When I play with my friends
I do not quarrel with them.
I let them use all my things,
so we all have fun.



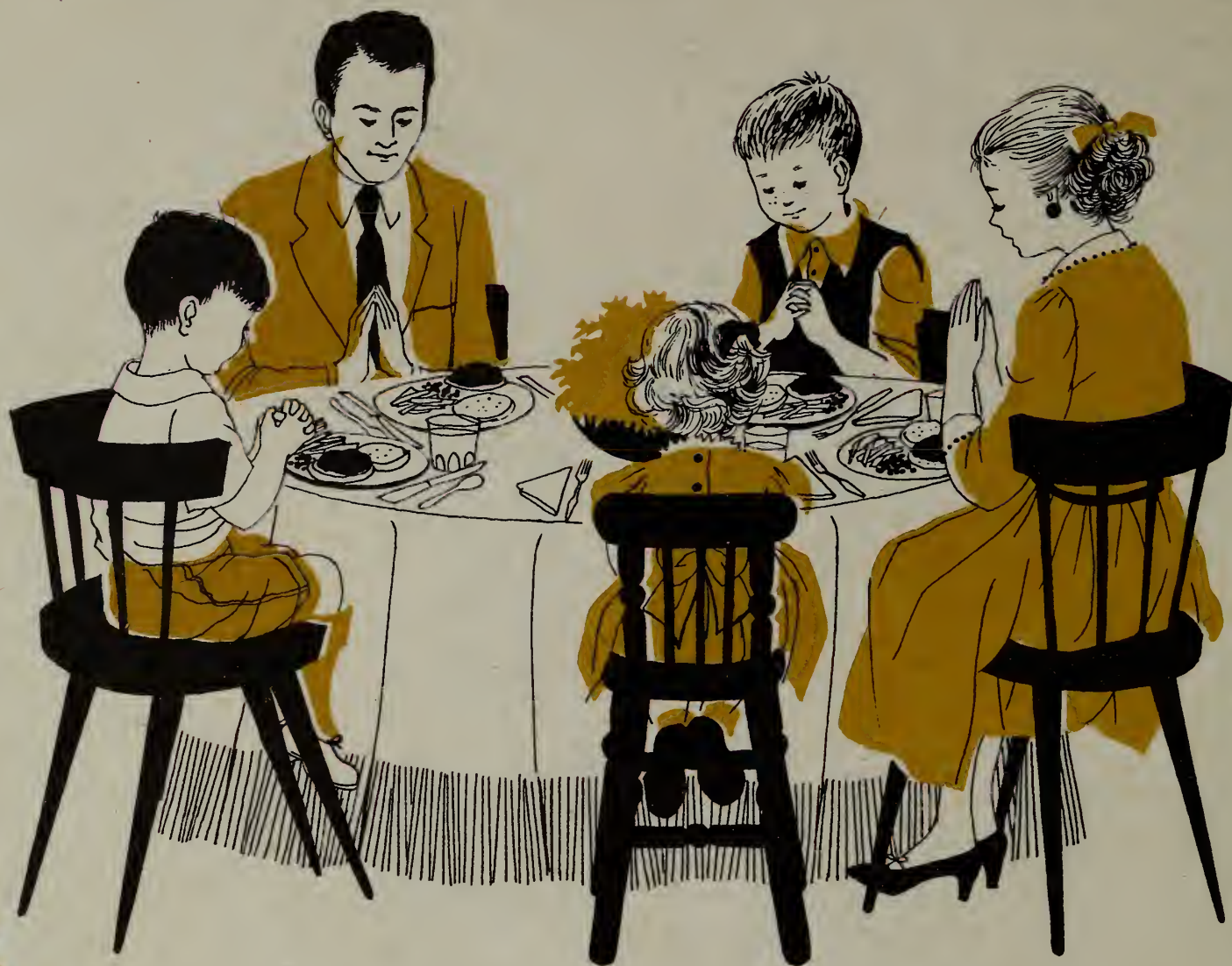


I play with my little sister and brother
because I know Jesus loved
the little children too.



When father wants me to help him,
I do it on his first call.





Then, at the table, I pray with my family before the meal.

“Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen.”



After the meal, I thank God with my family.

“We give Thee thanks for all Thy benefits,

O Almighty God,

who livest and reignest forever. Amen.

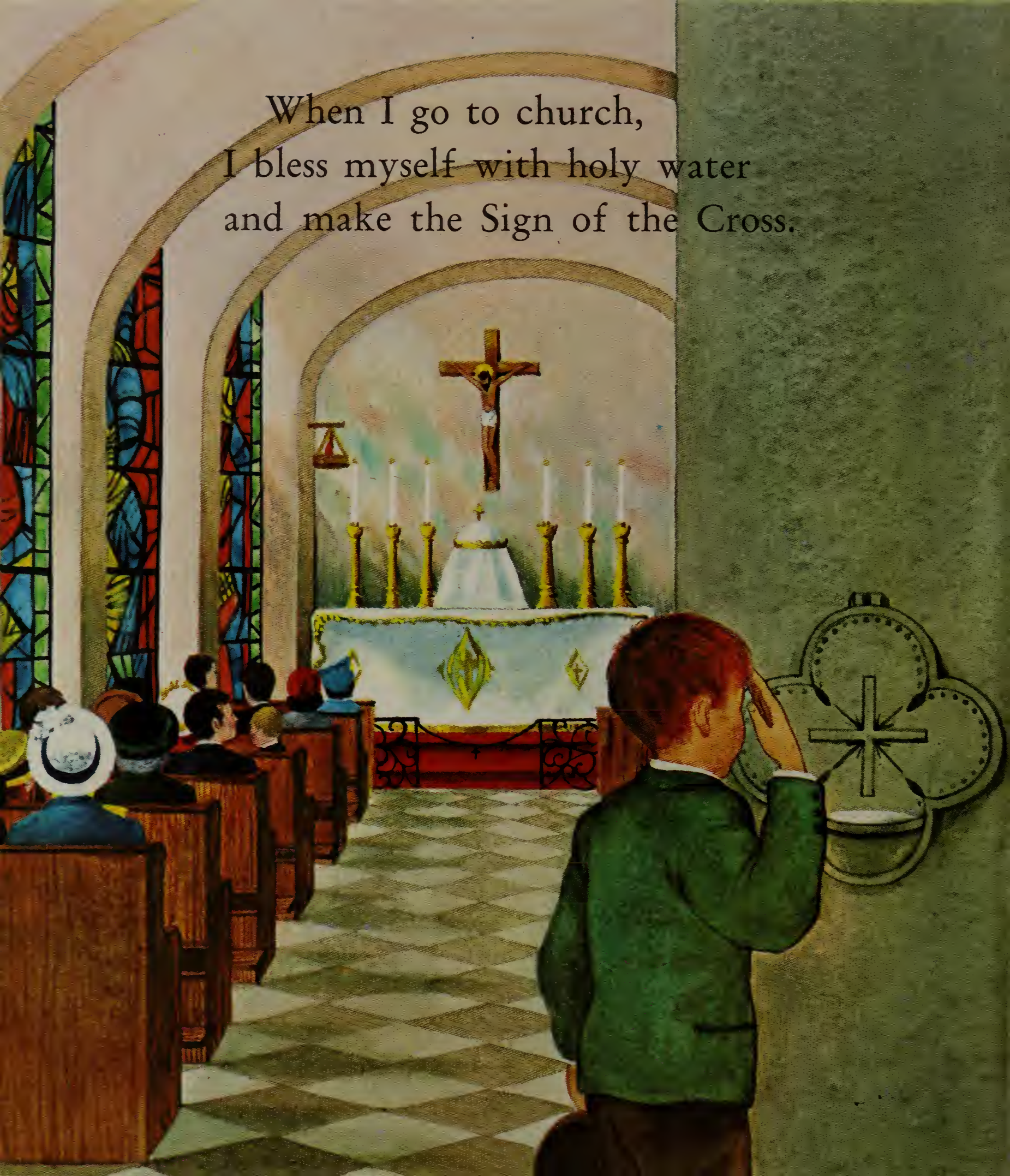
May the souls of the faithful departed,

through the mercy of God,

rest in peace. Amen.”



When I go to church,
I bless myself with holy water
and make the Sign of the Cross.





Sometimes father takes me with him
to Mass. I am always very good in church,
even when I am not with my father.

I know that the church is God's house.

I pay attention and do not look around.
I always use my missal at Mass.



Before I go to bed, I ask Jesus again to help me always to be good.

Then I say the *Our Father*. This is the prayer that Jesus Himself taught when He was on earth.

“Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.”





Jesus did the will of His Father.
I want to do His will, too.
I want to be like Jesus.





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