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The main event poster features a young woman with long, wavy brown hair, wearing a blue dress with a floral pattern, sitting on a rock and reading a large open book. The background is a lush green setting with a waterfall. The text "BYZ\*KIDS" is at the top in a large, colorful, stylized font. Below it, "July 2024" and "All About THE BIBLE" are written in white. To the right of the woman, there is a cluster of colorful circular icons representing various activities: "classroom connection", "FAITH", "SAINT", "BYZANTINIUM", and others. A green banner at the bottom left lists the activities: "All about the Bible, Bible Trivia Race, Classroom Connection, Bible cookies recipe, Crossword Puzzle, Coloring page, Activities, and MORE!".



## July Activities Calendar



Scan the QR code to see the links for the activities

This month is filled with so many fun and interesting things to do!  
Visit the Activities Index on the ByziKids page at [ByziMom.com](https://www.byzimom.com/byzikids-magazine-extras) for all the links!  
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**July 10**

- Venerable Anthony of the Kiev Caves. Print the maze and help the monks find the chapel!



**July 22**

St. Mary Magdalene, Equal to the Apostles.

- Make a batch of St. Mary Magdalene's Pickled Red Eggs! )



**July 25**

**Dormition of St. Anna**

**St. Olymplas the Deaconess**



**July 15**

- Prince St. Vladimir, Equal to the Apostles
- See the St. Vladimir Coloring Page



**July 27**

**St. Herman of Alaska**

- Learn about the icon of St. Herman and then get the Coloring Page!
- Sing "The Water is Climbing: For St. Herman of Alaska with Love" a song by Kh Sylvia



**July 20**

**Feast of the Prophet Elijah**

- Get the St. Elijah Coloring Page,
- Life of Elijah Mobile Craft
- St. Elijah's Miracle Bread Recipe and lots more to do for the Feast of
- Elijah, including Elijah Song Lyrics!



**July 31**

**Forefeast of the Procession of the Holy Cross**

- Make a solemn procession of the cross from your family icon corner around YOUR house to ask for God's healing protection from illnesses.



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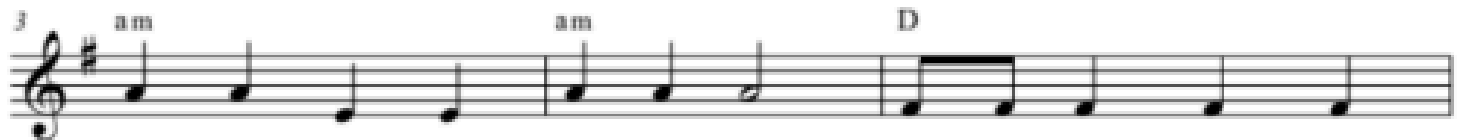


By Sylvia Dorham

## THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE



1.Gen - e - sis,	Ex - o - dus,	Le - vit - i - cus,
2.Ez - ra,	Ne - he - mi - ah,	bit,
3.Is - ai - ah,	Je - re - mi - ah,	ah, La - men -
4.Nah - um,	Ze - phan - ni - ah,	Hag - gai, Ze - cha -
5.Mat - thew,	Mark,	Luke, and John,
6.Co - los - sians,	two _____	Thes - sa - lo - ni - ans, two _____



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# KNOW YOUR FAITH

By Lynne Wardach



## All About the Bible

Did you ever have a pen pal? This is someone you write letters or postcards to or maybe talk to online but you haven't really "met" in person. Writing things about yourself, your thoughts, and your ideas is a great way to communicate who you are, especially to people you don't have the opportunity to talk with and get to know in person. It turns out that God is a really great pen pal too!

St. Paul tells us,

*2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.*

The Lord inspired 40 different people from all walks of life, like fishermen, physicians, tent-makers, nomads, and shepherds. He delivered messages of love and instruction over the course of 1500 years to people like Moses, Joshua, King David, prophets like Daniel, Ezekiel, Jeremiah and many others, and the evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. He also inspired St. Paul to write his letters to instruct and guide the various new Christian churches, and St. John the Beloved to write the mystical book of Revelation to help us prepare for the day when Christ will return. God so loves each and every one of us, no matter what time period or geographic location we happen to live in, that He provides us with a way to read these love letters and learn more about Him, His marvelous creation, and His unbounded love and mercy for each of us!



The marvelous thing about the scriptures is that we can believe that everything written in them is true, no matter whether we understand it fully or not. There are many examples of truths of the ancient scriptures that were only revealed to us in modern times!

Many people used to believe that the earth was flat and was anchored in place. Ancient people had no telescopes and didn't understand the concept of outer space and the spherical nature of a rotating planet, yet God revealed to Job that the Earth was suspended in space.

*Job 26:7 "He spreads out the northern skies over empty space; he suspends the earth over nothing."*

*Isaiah 40:22 He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in.*

Did you learn about the water cycle in school? People in biblical times didn't travel very far and didn't understand that the water in one place would eventually evaporate from the oceans, rain down again, and flow into streams and rivers that would eventually bring it back to the ocean once again. Yet, God revealed it to them.

*Ecclesiastes 1:7 "All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again."*

People living at the time that Moses wrote the first books of the bible had no idea that living tissue needed oxygen to live and that it was supplied by the hemoglobin on each red blood cell. Yet, God told them so

*Leviticus 17:11 "For the life of a creature is in the blood."*

In 1644, a scientist named Evangelista Torricelli discovered that air actually has weight. However, the Bible discusses this

concept in the oldest book, Job, which many believe was written by Moses, who lived more than 1500 years before Christ.

*Job 28:25 "When he gave to the wind its weight and apportioned the waters by measure."*

•As recently as 1977, Dr. Robert Ballard discovered the existence of underground springs on the ocean floor but we know they were mentioned by Moses in the book of Job as well! *Job 38:16 "Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep?"*

Seeing all these interesting revelations of God's glorious creation makes us wonder what other truths lie hidden in the scriptures just waiting to be discovered! We are just beginning to explore the depths of the planet's oceans, and there is so very much of outer space we have yet to understand. The rotation of the planets around our sun was just the beginning. There are planets, like our Earth, set in perfectly cyclical, orbital rotation stars and galaxies placed specifically in place to create constellations, which create pictures in the sky. Not only does scripture tell us that these stars were created by God, but that He made them in order to communicate with us.

*Psalm 19: 1-4 "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world..."*

Becoming a student of the Bible gives us greater knowledge than we may even understand and reveals truths to us even before we have the capacity to comprehend them. It is God's love letter to His children, giving us timeless instruction and wisdom for navigating our earthly lives to set a safe and clear course toward our heavenly home and union with our Eternal Father, Who loves us so much.

Once Upon a

# SAINT

by Rebecca O'Loughlin

## St Alphonsa of the Immaculate Conception



In 1910 a young noble couple welcomed their fifth child in the ancient and beautiful town of Kudamaloor, India. Kudamaloor was a trade town along the Meenachil river, had flowers, palm and mango trees, and was frequented by artists. The baby girl was baptized eight days later in the Syro-Malabar Church by Fr. Joseph Chackalayil. She was named Little Anna, or Annakutty, and was dearly loved by her family. Unfortunately, Annakutty's mother died a few months after her birth.

Annakutty's grandparents willingly cared for the baby girl, passing on their deep faith and love for God. When Annakutty was three she developed a very painful eczema, which is a common kind of skin rash. While it

lasted about a year, she began to learn to offer up her little sufferings to Jesus. She was reading at age five, and prayed with great love and devotion. When she was seven, Annakutty received the Eucharist.

"I have Jesus in my heart!" She told everyone, happily.

Annakutty began to think of herself as belonging completely to God, set apart for Him. One day St Thérèse of Lisieux appeared to her.

"Dearest sister!" St. Thérèse told her, "you will suffer a lot, but one day you will be in Heaven and praising God with me. Don't be afraid, because I will be with you to strengthen you when you need me." She didn't often

make her presence known to Annakutty, but Annakutty knew she was being watched over and helped by St. Thérèse, and was comforted often.

When she was ten, Annakutty's life changed drastically. Her mother's wish was that when Annakutty was a young lady, she would be raised by her aunt Murickal. Murickal was a strict lady, however, and demanded a great deal from her new foster daughter. She was Christian in name, but did not approve of Annakutty's religious nature or love for monastic life. In those days it was not unusual for young girls to marry, and as Annakutty was very beautiful and from a noble family, she was sure to make an excellent match.

Meanwhile, Annakutty confided in her sister Elizabeth that she had given herself to Jesus long ago.

"Jesus alone is to be my spouse, and no other!"

Elizabeth hugged her sister. "Aunty is determined that you will marry well."

"I will marry very well! You will see, I will be a nun and Jesus will be my husband. I want to give everything to Him, to suffer greatly for Him. My suffering will be my wedding gift."

But a year later, at thirteen, Annakutty was officially engaged. She was heartbroken! But she had promised herself to Christ, and viewed herself as already spoken for! She prayed fervently all night.

"Jesus, if only I were less beautiful or damaged, then no one would want to marry me! Please Lord, help me be hurt somehow so I can be dedicated to You alone!"

The next day, Annakutty fell into a pit of burning chaff and was badly burned. Her face was as lovely as ever, but her feet were deformed so that she could barely walk even after the burns healed over. She offered up her pain with incredible peace and joy. While the handicap didn't fully succeed in discouraging suitors, it was enough, and Annakutty became a Poor Clare a few years later, at a monastery in Bharananganam, which was a little over a hundred miles down the Meenachil river from her birth town.

The new religious sister was filled with relief and joy: "Thank you, Lord, for taking away all that kept me from You, and making me completely Your own!"

Annakutty took the religious name of Alphonsa of the Immaculate Conception in honor of St. Alphonsus Liguori. She taught children and performed her duties faithfully. Her handwriting was beautiful and she wrote letters for the convent. Sr. Alphonsa felt that suffering was her special gift and offered up everything, even adding small penances every time she felt herself being less than thankful or full of joy and kindness in everything she did. She begged Jesus to give her extra suffering so that she could be more united to His suffering on the cross. She suffered with great joy: typhoid fever, double pneumonia, shock that left her partially paralyzed and amnesiac, and later had a terrible tumor that caused her to vomit forty times a

day. But in every illness, Sister Alphonsa always was peaceful and had only kindness and love for the other sisters.

"No matter what my sufferings are, I will always seek refuge in the Sacred Heart of Jesus."

Sr. Alphonsa died on the 28th July 1946, just short of her thirty-sixth birthday. She was officially recognized as a saint in 2008.

After her death, miracles from her intercession were reported by the hundreds. If you have stomach issues or want to learn how to suffer with joy, God has given her the grace to help and strengthen you. Most especially, St. Alphonsa likes to answer prayers concerning ailments of the feet. Remember how she asked God to find a way to make her His own and to disfigure her and she fell into burning chaff and became lame? That was a very special offering she gave to God, and now she has graces to help others who want to heal from such ailments.

One of the miracles that helped her be declared a saint happened to a ten-year-old boy who had trouble walking. You see, his feet were twisted upside down! He walked with a cane, and very slowly. The bishop of the area saw him struggling and looking longingly at the boys who were kicking around a football.

"Son," the bishop told him, handing him a picture of St. Alphonsa "ask this holy woman, Sister Alphonsa, to cure your feet."

The boy shook his head sadly. "I can't! I'm Muslim, not Christian! She wouldn't pray for me. But anyway, I was born this way, and there's nothing doctors can do to help me."

The bishop smiled. "Alphonsa loved those who were not Christian too. Let's pray together. God is very powerful."

They prayed together and the bishop forgot about it until a few months later a boy and his father came to his house.

"Do you recognize me?" The boy asked.

"No. Who are you?"

"I am the boy whose feet were upside down, and you prayed with me. See the calluses on top of my feet where I used to walk?" The boy smiled, joy lighting up his face. "I prayed when I got home and then a few days later, when I woke up in the morning, one of my feet had turned the right way. I couldn't believe it! I told my family, and then all of us prayed to St. Alphonsa together. Then my other foot turned the right way too!"

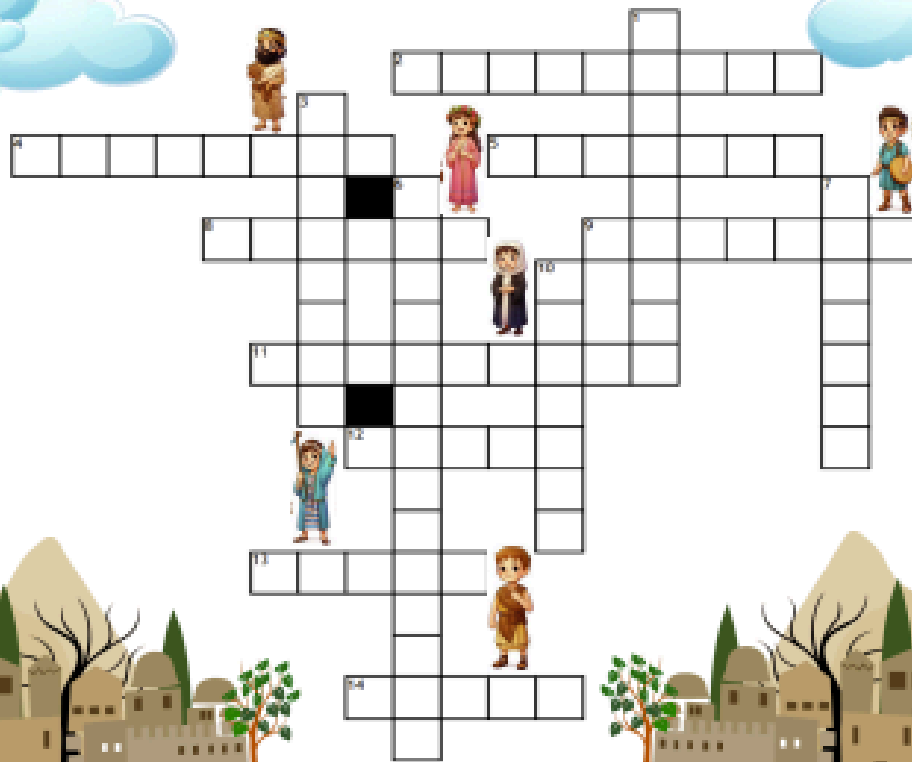
The boy grinned even bigger: "watch me! Watch how fast I can run!" And he proceeded to sprint through the street, swift and strong.

St. Alphonsa, pray for us.

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# People in the Bible



## ACROSS

2. The woman at the well who spoke to Jesus was a \_\_\_\_\_
4. the high priest who presided over Jesus' trial
5. the king who was known for his wisdom
8. the queen of Persia who risked her life to see the king
9. the prophetess who judged Israel
11. the short tax collector who hosted Jesus in his house
12. the wife of Abraham
13. the first of the apostles
14. the mother-in-law of Ruth

## DOWN

1. the Pharisee who came to Jesus at night to ask Him questions
3. He replaced Judas as the twelfth apostle
6. pagan king who had a dream of a gold statue
7. Jesus raised him from the dead
10. the first Christian martyr

