

November

PRAYER:

Act of Faith

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH:

Stewardship: Returning to God the first fruits of your time, talent, and treasure

SAINT OF THE MONTH:

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary
(1207-1231, Hungary)

Feast: November 17

Saint Elizabeth was the daughter of a king and married a prince who became a king. She had many treasures. But during her life, she spent her money to feed the poor people in her kingdom. She even had a hospital built near her castle!



Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, painting by Val Webb

DISCUSSION:

Saint Elizabeth had four children. They got to see a church dedicated to their own mother with stained glass windows about her life. What do you think that was like?

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HOME PROJECT: Due November _____

PRAYER:

Dear God, long ago You told Moses, "The choicest first fruits of your soil you shall bring to the house of the Lord, Your God" (Genesis 34:26). Help us to remember that all we have is a gift from You, and help us to remember to honor You by giving back the best part of it to say "thank you". Amen.

(Read Genesis 1:27-31.)

VIRTUE ACTIVITY:

1. Discuss the words of the *Grace Before Meals* prayer and the first line of the *Morning Offering*.
2. Practice a concrete example of giving God your first fruits. Ask each student to bring in a few matching pieces of fruit: a bunch of grapes, a bunch of bananas, a small bag of apples or oranges. In class, find the very best one from each set. Put these in a basket and give them to God by giving them to someone in need or someone consecrated to God. Take the rest home.
3. Ask each student to bring in a quarter. Visit the church together and put your coins in the poor box.
4. Read the story of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4). Discuss the difference between giving from surplus and giving from want.

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PRAYER:

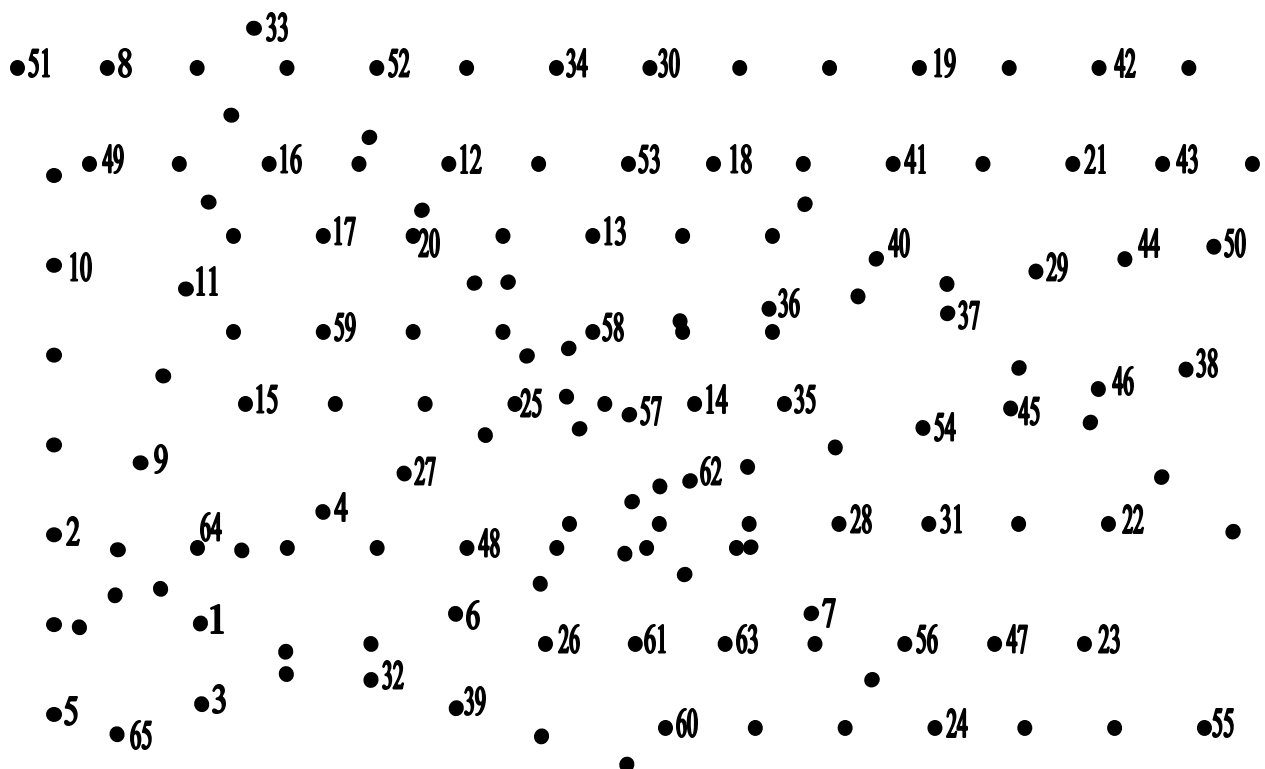
Saint Elizabeth, help us to love God as you did. Help us to remember that all we have comes from Him and to seek our treasure in heaven. Amen. Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us!

SAINT ACTIVITY:

One day when Saint Elizabeth was a young princess,  she went into church and saw a large crucifix. She wanted to give her life to Jesus, and surprised everyone by what she laid at His feet to show her love for Him.

Skip count by 5s to connect the dots and see what the young Princess Elizabeth gave to Jesus! (5, 10, 15...)

Use pencil for the lines, then color the picture.



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PRAYER:

Mother Mary, help us to see all the talents that God has given us, and to use them for His glory. (Pray 3 *Hail Marys*.)

REVIEW:

What is stewardship?

Who is Saint Elizabeth of Hungary?

GROWTH IN STEWARDSHIP:

What did you do this month to grow in stewardship?

Write a sentence and draw a picture.



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