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Chapter 23
A Read-to-Me Story

Saint Frances Cabrini
Feast Day: November 13

When Frances was a little girl in Italy, she dreamed of traveling to China. She wanted to be a missionary, a person who tells others about Jesus and his love.

When Frances was older, she tried to join a group of missionary nuns but they would not allow her to become a member. Because she was often sick, they said she was not strong enough for the hard work nuns do.

So Frances stayed in Italy and worked with other women in an orphanage. She cared for children who did not have parents. Frances liked the work so much, she decided to start her own community of nuns. At first they stayed in Italy but when the archbishop of New York City heard about Frances and her nuns, he invited them to come and help the Italian people there.

Frances and her nuns sailed across the Atlantic Ocean to New York City. They got to work right away. They started schools, orphanages, and hospitals. They helped people find work. They opened places where they fed hungry people and gave them warm clothing.

Frances loved her new home so much that she became a citizen of the United States. Her dream of becoming a missionary had come true. Instead of China, God called her to serve him in our country. She told people about Jesus' love through her words and actions.

Today, Frances Cabrini is honored as a saint. We celebrate her for the work she did to help others. Like Saint Frances, we can be a sign of God's love and care for people in need.