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Faith-Filled People

Chapter 6  
A Read-To-Me Story

Saint Katharine Drexel  
Feast Day: March 3

When she was growing up in Pennsylvania, Katharine Drexel's parents taught her to share with others. The Drexel family was very rich, but they did not just use it for themselves. They welcomed poor people into their home. They fed the people and made sure they had warm clothes to wear. Katharine's parents taught her that Jesus asks all his friends to care for others.

Katharine and her family went on vacation regularly. They often traveled on a train. During one trip, Katharine looked out of the train windows and saw the homes of some Native Americans. She saw how poor these people were.

Katharine learned that many Native American children could not read or write because they had no schools. Katharine decided that God wanted her to spend her life serving Native Americans and other people in need.

Katharine began a community of nuns called the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. The Blessed Sacrament is another name for Holy Communion. Katharine believed that receiving Jesus in Holy Communion helped people to follow Jesus' example of love.

All across the United States, Katharine and her nuns opened schools for Native American and African American children. After her parents died, Sister Katharine used all her family's money to help others.

Our Church honors Katharine Drexel as a saint. Her life reminds us that we are all God's children. Like Saint Katharine, we can help all people to share in the good things God has created for us.