

Chapter 20  
A Read-to-Me Story

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux  
Feast Day: October 1

Thérèse had four big sisters. Her father called her his little princess. She was used to getting her own way. Sometimes she pouted until she got what she wanted.

Thérèse prayed that God would help her to follow the example of her kind and caring older sisters. Thérèse especially loved her oldest sister, Pauline. She was sad when Pauline left home to join the convent. Then another sister joined the same convent. Thérèse wanted to be with them. Like them, she wanted to spend her days serving God

Thérèse was only fourteen years old and children were not allowed to become nuns. She had to wait until she was older. Thérèse did not want to wait. She begged her father, her priest, and even the pope to let her become a nun. Finally, when she was fifteen, Thérèse was given permission.

God had answered her prayers! Even though Thérèse was given very boring jobs at the convent she never complained. She washed floors. She cooked. She dusted. But whatever she did, she did cheerfully. She did everything for the love of God.

Thérèse became such a holy person that she was asked to write the story of her life. In her book, Sister Thérèse said that she did everything the “Little Way.” She wrote that she tried to show her love for God and others by doing little things the best way she could.

Thérèse is one of our Church’s most loved saints. She reminds us that we can live the “Little Way,” too. We can try to always do our best. Like Saint Thérèse, we can do good every day.