Welcome Chapter
A Read-To-Me Story

Saint Martin de Porres
Feast Day: November 3

A long time ago, in a country called Peru, there was a poor boy named Martin. Martin's mother taught him about God's love. She told Martin that God wants us to love and help others.

When Martin was 12, he went to work for a doctor. Martin learned how to care for people who were sick or injured. But Martin wanted to grow closer to Jesus. He joined the Dominicans, a special group of men who served God through their work and prayer. Martin became known as "Brother Martin."

Brother Martin spent his days caring for those who could not pay for doctors or medicine. Martin went to the wealthy people in his city and begged for money to help the poor. They gave Martin so much money that he was able to build both a hospital and a home for children who had no place to live.

People came from all over Peru to see Martin. They asked Brother Martin to bless them and to make them better. He prayed with the people and treated them gently. Martin believed that all people were God's children. He did not care what color skin a person had or if a person was rich or poor. Everyone was a brother or sister to Brother Martin.

Today, we honor Martin as a saint. Saint Martin was a sign of God's love for everyone he met. We can be like Martin if we share God's love with our friends and family.