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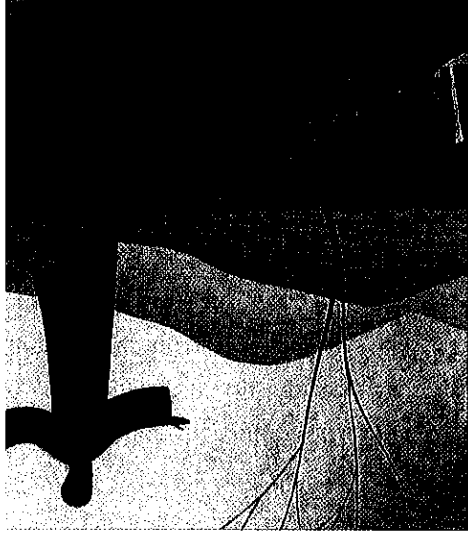
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# Magnificat Kid

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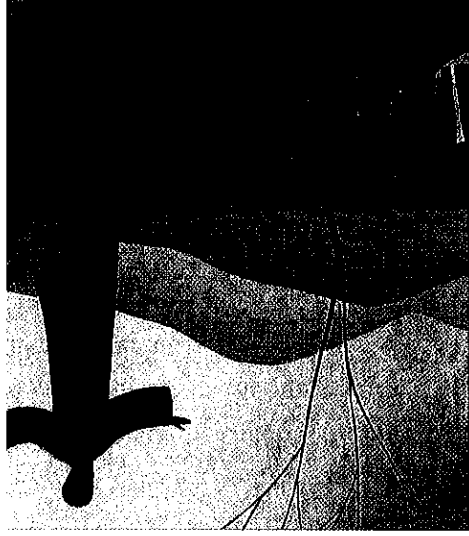
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## ● Litany of the Saints

Before the prayer, you can ask the children to bring a picture or statue of their favorite saint, if they have one, or simply a picture of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and put it in the prayer area. They can also bring a small candle that they will place in front of the picture during the prayer.

The parent who is leading opens the prayer with:

*"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."*

All make the sign of the cross:

*"Let us turn to the Lord with confidence and love."*

The parent continues with:

*"Father, you want us to know you and to love you more and more each day. You want us to be happy with you forever in heaven. Help us to know your will and to carry it out with joy, just as the saints did throughout the ages."*

The parent invites the children to come and place their candles in the prayer area. The candles are then lit.

The parent continues:

*"Today we ask the saints to watch over us and to pray for us:*

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

*Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.*

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.*

*Saint Joseph, pray for us.*

*Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, and the archangels of God, pray for us.*

*Saint John the Baptist, pray for us.*

*Saint Peter and Saint Paul, and all the Apostles and disciples of the Lord, pray for us.*

*Saint Stephen and all the martyrs, pray for us.*

*Saint Jerome and all the Bishops and Doctors of the Church, pray for us.*

*Saint Benedict, Saint Francis of Assisi, Therese of the Child Jesus, and all the Saints...*

*(here you can include special patron saints), pray for us.*

All of you who are saints of God, pray for us.

The parent continues with:

*"God our Father, through your Son, Jesus give us true life; may your Holy Spirit us grow in faith, hope, and charity, so that we may one day share with all the saints the being at your side. Welcome into your home those who have left us, in particular the names of your deceased loved ones that they may rest in peace while we await the resurrection. As we await, we say confidence:"*

*"Our Father..."*

All make the sign of the cross:

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