

# Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat

Helping children know the Heart of Jesus

**Ages about 7-11** | Video 5:14 | Group lesson about 25-35 minutes

**Central truth** Madeleine Sophie shares love for Jesus by founding schools and supporting teachers and children.

**Learning goals** Children will recall her love of learning and school mission, name how a teacher helps, and practice encouraging a learner.

**Gather** Video access, one handout per child, pencils or crayons, and a Bible.

**Watch online** [Open this video on Servus Dei](#)

## Before watching | 2 minutes

Ask: Who has helped you learn something? Watch how Madeleine Sophie joins study, prayer, and care for children.

## Watch and notice

Notice her brother teaching her, schools welcoming girls, sisters joining the mission, and encouragement when work is difficult.

## Talk together | 6-8 minutes

### 1. Who helped Madeleine Sophie learn as a child?

Her brother Louis taught her reading, study, and faith.

### 2. What did her schools teach?

Reading, writing, history, languages, and love for Jesus. Learning and faith were both part of the mission.

### 3. What community carried the work forward?

The Society of the Sacred Heart, whose sisters continued the educational mission.

### 4. How can you encourage someone learning?

Be patient, share a skill kindly, thank a teacher, or invite an adult to help. Do not mock mistakes.

**Then respond and pray** Allow 6-8 minutes for a handout or the activity on page 2; finish with the closing prayer.

# Lead the response

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**Short family lesson** Watch the video, choose one recall question and one application question, then pray. About 12-18 minutes; the handout is optional.

## Choose a handout

**Draw & Tell** Draw a story classroom and yourself encouraging a learner.

**Read & Write** Recall her education mission, explain one teacher's help, and write an encouraging sentence.

## Adapt by readiness

Ages 7-8: invite children to draw someone who teaches them.

Ages 9-11: discuss why every learner deserves patience and respect.

## An encouragement bookmark | Optional 4 minutes

Make a paper bookmark for a learner or teacher. Add a specific encouraging sentence and a picture of a skill you enjoy learning. Give it with thanks, without comparing people's abilities.

**Look for understanding** Look for a story detail about schools and a concrete encouragement that respects the learner.

**Closing prayer** Jesus, help our hearts grow in love as we learn. Bless teachers and students, and make us patient with one another. Saint Madeleine Sophie, pray for us. Amen.

**At home** Thank an adult who helps you learn and share one patient way to help someone else.

**Handout answer notes** Mission: schools and a religious teaching community. Teacher help and encouragement vary; seek specific, respectful examples.

## Teach with care

The story begins with a fragile baby and refers to unrest in France. Reassure children that illness is not a measure of God's love. This simplified biography includes dramatized scene-setting and sayings attributed to Madeleine Sophie. Her mission after the French Revolution joined rigorous education and Sacred Heart spirituality. Holiness does not depend on learning faster than others.

**Words to explain** Sacred Heart: Jesus's heart as a sign of his love for us. Society: a community sharing a mission. Education: helping people learn and grow.

## Sources for the leader

Story source: [Servus Dei video and English subtitle](#)

Life and mission: [Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat - RSCJ International](#)

Educational mission: [Our mission - Society of the Sacred Heart](#)

# Learning with a loving heart

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Madeleine Sophie helped children learn and know Jesus's love.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Adult helper** Read aloud. Invite drawing, pointing, or spoken answers. Writing is optional.

## 1 Draw a school or a teacher helping children in the story.



## 2 Draw yourself encouraging someone who is learning.



**Tell** What are people learning? Which kind words could you offer?

**Pray** Jesus, help me learn with patience and encourage others. Amen.

**At home** Share your picture and one thing you learned about God or following Jesus.

# Hearts that help others grow

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Remember Madeleine Sophie's mission and a teacher who helps you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## 1 Recall the mission

What did Madeleine Sophie and her friends begin?

*They began ...*

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## 2 Recognize help

How does a teacher help you learn and grow?

*A teacher helps by ...*

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## 3 Offer encouragement

Write one kind sentence for someone learning.

*I could say ...*

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**Pray** Jesus, help me learn with patience and encourage others. Amen.

**Go deeper** How can we show patience when a skill takes a long time to learn?