

Saint Dominic Guzman

Truth shared with love

Ages about 7-11 | Video 4:03 | Group lesson about 25-35 minutes

Central truth Prayer and study should lead us to compassionate action and truthful, respectful speech.

Learning goals Recall Dominic's response to famine and founding of the Dominicans; practice listening before speaking; connect the Rosary with Jesus' life.

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 what matters more during a person's need: winning an argument or helping. Introduce Dominic as a student whose learning became compassionate service.

Watch and notice

Notice Dominic sharing his valuable books during famine, listening and preaching, and gathering the Order of Preachers. The Rosary scene is explicitly introduced as tradition.

Talk together | 6-8 minutes

1. Why did Dominic give up his precious books?

He saw people suffering from hunger and used what he valued to help them. Learning should serve human needs.

2. How did he share his faith?

The retelling emphasizes prayer, listening, patient teaching, and love. Truth should be shared without cruelty.

3. What is the Rosary about?

With Mary, we reflect on the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. The prayer keeps Christ at its center.

4. How can you speak truth with love?

Listen first, say what you know honestly, and avoid insults. Ask a trusted adult for help when a question is difficult.

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 the famine response and a respectful listening moment today.

Read & Write Recall compassion and Rosary prayer, then practice truthful, respectful speech.

Adapt by readiness

Ages 7-8: practice taking turns and use a picture of one joyful mystery.

Ages 9-11: distinguish the Rosary's devotional origin tradition from the order's documented role in spreading it.

Listen, learn, respond | Optional 4 minutes

Partners take turns explaining a simple question about Jesus or prayer. The listener repeats what they heard before answering. Choose one caring action that lets learning become service.

Look for understanding Look for careful listening and a truthful, gentle response. The lesson does not require children to win debates or give away possessions without permission.

Closing prayer Jesus, help us love truth and the people we meet. Teach us to listen, pray, study, and serve. Saint Dominic, pray for us. Amen.

At home With an adult, pray one decade of the Rosary or discuss one mystery of Jesus' life. Choose a kind action afterward.

Handout answer notes Books: help people during famine. Rosary: mysteries of Jesus' life with Mary. Speech: honest, gentle, attentive, and willing to seek reliable help.

Teach with care

Explain that the video includes a later tradition about Mary giving Dominic the Rosary. Present the account as tradition rather than a documented eyewitness event. The Marian apparition and gift of the Rosary are later devotional tradition; Dominic and his order are historically linked to prayer and preaching, and the Dominicans helped spread the Rosary. The video simplifies a complex medieval setting. Model respectful faith-sharing, not contempt toward people who disagree.

Words to explain Dominicans: the Order of Preachers founded by Dominic. Rosary: prayer reflecting on Jesus' life with Mary. Truthfulness: speaking honestly with care for others.

Sources for the leader

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

Vatican teaching: [Benedict XVI: Saint Dominic Guzman, February 3, 2010](#)

Let learning become love

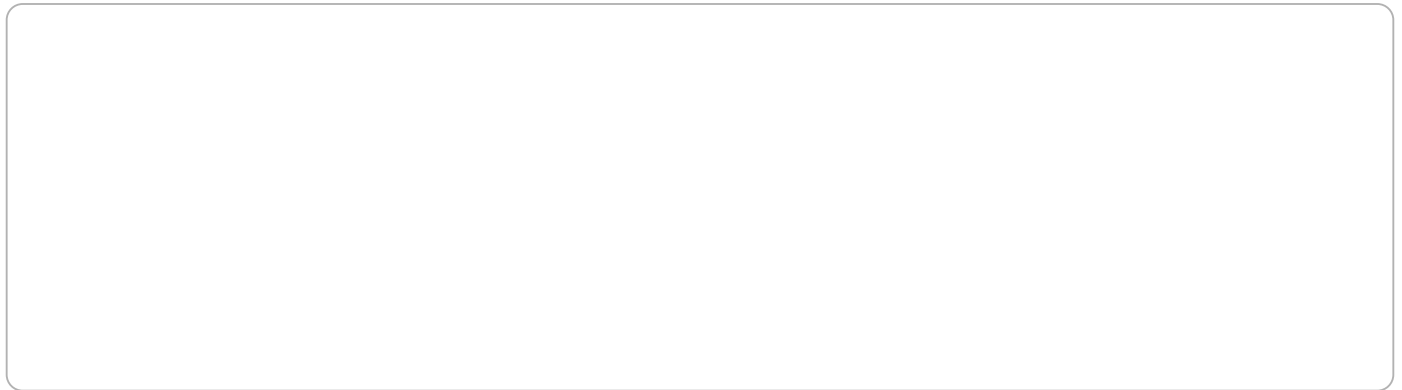
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Dominic prayed, learned, and used his gifts to help people.

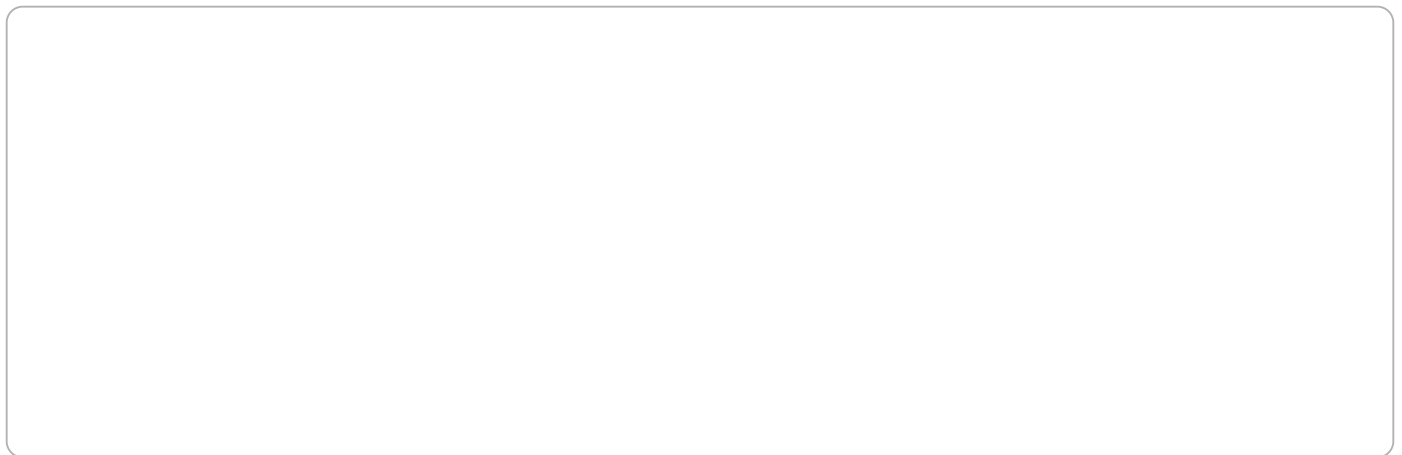
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Adult helper Read aloud. Invite drawing, pointing, or spoken answers. Writing is optional.

1 Draw Dominic using something valuable to help hungry people.



2 Draw a time you can listen kindly before sharing what you know.



Tell Who needs help? How can truth and kindness work together?

Pray Jesus, help me listen well and speak truth with love. Amen.

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

Prayer, study, service

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Remember Dominic's example and choose a loving response.

Name _____

1 Recall compassion

Why did Dominic part with his valuable books?

He wanted to help ...

2 Explain prayer

Whose life do we reflect on in the Rosary with Mary?

The Rosary helps us remember ...

3 Speak respectfully

How can you answer a question without insulting someone?

I can listen and ...

Pray Jesus, help me listen well and speak truth with love. Amen.

Go deeper How could learning more about Jesus help us become better listeners?