

Blessed Fulton Sheen: The Quiet Behind the Voice

Time with Jesus before words about Jesus

Ages about 7-11 | Video 6:10 | Group lesson about 25-35 minutes

Central truth Fulton Sheen's public teaching grows from daily prayer, careful preparation, and attention to people rather than fame.

Learning goals Children will recall his holy hour and preparation, distinguish fame from service, and choose a brief realistic prayer habit.

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 unseen practice helps someone use a gift well? Watch the quiet prayer and hard work behind Sheen's broadcasts.

Watch and notice

Notice the childhood accident, his daily holy hour, writing and preparation, care for listeners, and continuing prayer when tired.

Talk together | 6-8 minutes

1. What quiet promise did Sheen make as a priest?

To spend a daily holy hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

2. Did his speaking gift remove the need for work?

No. He read, wrote, revised, and prepared carefully.

3. Why did he teach through radio and television?

To help people meet Jesus and understand the faith, rather than make himself the message.

4. What prayer habit could you begin?

A few minutes with Jesus, a short Scripture reading, or a simple prayer with an adult. It need not be an hour.

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 Sheen praying or preparing, then a small prayer habit you can try.

Read & Write Recall his hidden work, identify the purpose of his gifts, and plan brief prayer.

Adapt by readiness

Ages 7-8: offer one sentence of prayer with a picture reminder.

Ages 9-11: connect public skill with preparation, humility, and service.

Before I share my gift | Optional 4 minutes

On a card, name a gift you enjoy, one practice that helps it grow, and one person it can serve. Add a short prayer before the task. Choose a realistic action without trying to become famous or copy an adult schedule.

Look for understanding Children see prayer and preparation as supports for loving service, without comparing prayer lengths or public success.

Closing prayer Jesus, help us make time for you, use our gifts carefully, and carry your love to the people around us. Blessed Fulton, pray for us. Amen.

At home Choose a few quiet minutes with an adult and one way to use a gift for someone's good.

Handout answer notes Prayer: daily holy hour before Jesus. Work: reading, thinking, writing, rewriting. Habits: short, realistic, adult-supported.

Teach with care

The story includes an accident with a glass cruet and Sheen's death. Children need not pray for an hour; begin with a brief habit suited to their age and needs. The retelling dramatizes scenes and anecdotes. Its original September 18, 2026 release calls Sheen Venerable and anticipates his September 24 beatification; these resources use the current title, Blessed. Children need not copy an hour-long adult prayer habit. Tiredness or distraction is not proof of failed prayer.

Words to explain Holy hour: an hour devoted to prayer, often before the Blessed Sacrament. Bishop: a successor of the apostles serving the Church. Blessed: a title following beatification.

Sources for the leader

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

Historical life: [Fulton Sheen biography - Catholic University of America](#)

Current title: [Beatification events - Diocese of Grand Rapids](#)

The quiet work of love

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Sheen prayed and prepared before sharing his gift with others.

Name _____

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

1 Draw Sheen praying or preparing beside his books and chalkboard.



2 Draw a small prayer habit or practice you can begin.



Tell Who could your gift help? What quiet practice could support it?

Pray Jesus, help me make time for you and use my gifts kindly. Amen.

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

A gift prepared for service

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Recall what happened away from Sheen's television camera.

Name _____

1 Recall prayer

What daily prayer promise did Sheen make?

Sheen promised ...

2 Recall work

Name one way he prepared his teaching.

He prepared by ...

3 Begin small

What brief prayer habit could you try with an adult?

I can begin by ...

Pray Jesus, help me make time for you and use my gifts kindly. Amen.

Go deeper Why can hidden practice matter more than how many people notice our work?