

Saint Carlo Acutis

Close to Jesus, generous with our gifts

Ages about 7-11 | Video 4:00 | Group lesson about 25-35 minutes

Central truth Carlo grew close to Jesus through Mass and prayer, then shared his gifts in practical acts of kindness.

Learning goals Children will recall Carlo's prayer, computer work, and care for others; explain one way their own gifts can serve; and choose a kind action.

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 do you enjoy or do well? Explain that Carlo liked ordinary games and friendships. Watch how he made room for Jesus and for people who needed help.

Watch and notice

Notice Mass and prayer (0:23), computer work (1:05), and kindness (1:23). The story closes around 2:54, followed by the theme song; the full video is about four minutes.

Talk together | 6-8 minutes

1. How did Carlo spend time with Jesus?

He went to Mass and prayed near the tabernacle. His faith became part of everyday life.

2. What did he do with his computer skills?

He made a website sharing information about Eucharistic miracles. A gift he enjoyed became a way to share his faith.

3. How did he care for people who felt left out?

He befriended lonely classmates, spoke up for someone being bullied, and shared with people in need. Children should get a trusted adult's help when someone is unsafe.

4. What gift could you use kindly this week?

Accept specific examples: drawing a card, listening, welcoming someone into a game, or helping with a task. Holiness grows through God's grace and ordinary loving choices.

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 Carlo's way of helping, then draw a kind action you could choose. An adult may record an oral explanation.

Read & Write Recall one prayer habit and the purpose of Carlo's website, then plan a small act of service.

Adapt by readiness

Ages 7-8: offer picture choices: prayer, a computer, or welcoming a friend. Accept drawing or spoken answers.

Ages 9-11: distinguish enjoying a talent from using it to serve. Discuss responsible technology use with adult guidance.

My gift, someone's need | Optional 4 minutes

On a paper card, draw or write one gift you enjoy. Beside it, name a person or group it could help. Choose one small action and an adult who can help you carry it out.

Look for understanding Look for one accurate story detail and a realistic kind action. The website points toward Jesus; computer skill by itself does not make someone holy.

Closing prayer Jesus, draw us close to you. Help us use our gifts to welcome and serve others. Saint Carlo, pray for us. Amen.

At home Share your card with an adult. Choose a time for prayer and one small act of kindness together.

Handout answer notes Prayer: Mass or praying near the tabernacle. Computer work: a website about Eucharistic miracles. Personal plans vary; look for a specific, safe act of kindness.

Teach with care

Preview the brief illness and death passage at 1:53-2:14. Let children pass on a question. Seek adult help if bullying or illness brings up a worry. This illustrated retelling includes simplified scene-setting. Illness is not a punishment; faith does not guarantee physical recovery. Guardian angels do not mean accidents never happen. Children are not responsible for changing an adult's faith. The video preceded Carlo's canonization on September 7, 2025; these resources use his current title, Saint.

Words to explain Eucharist: Jesus truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Tabernacle: where the Eucharist is reserved. Holiness: growing in God's love with his help.

Sources for the leader

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

Historical context: [Canonization homily - Vatican, Sept. 7, 2025](#)

Catholic teaching: [Catechism 1374: Christ's presence in the Eucharist](#)

My gifts can help

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Carlo loved Jesus and used his gifts to care for others.

Name _____

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

1 Draw one way Carlo prayed or helped someone in the story.

2 Draw one kind action you could choose this week.

Tell What is happening in your pictures? Who could your kind action help?

Pray Jesus, help me stay close to you and share my gifts kindly. Amen.

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

Faith in everyday choices

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Remember Carlo's story. Then plan one small act of love.

Name _____

1 Remember his prayer

Name one way Carlo spent time with Jesus.

Carlo ...

2 Use a gift

How did Carlo use computers to share his faith?

He used his skills to ...

3 Make a plan

What gift could you use to help someone? Name a small action.

This week I can ...

Pray Jesus, help me stay close to you and share my gifts kindly. Amen.

Go deeper Why does using a gift with love matter more than becoming famous?