

Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati

To the heights through friendship and service

Ages about 7-11 | Video 4:04 | Group lesson about 25-35 minutes

Central truth Prayer and joyful friendship can lead us to practical mercy toward people in need.

Learning goals Recall Pier Giorgio's prayer, mountain climbing, and charity; connect mercy with a Beatitude; choose safe generosity.

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 how a hobby or friendship can become a way to help. Introduce Pier Giorgio as someone who enjoyed mountains and friends while caring for people in need.

Watch and notice

Notice Mass and prayer, mountain friendships, bus money shared with others, and the medicine request during illness. The video uses his earlier title Blessed.

Talk together | 6-8 minutes

1. What gave Pier Giorgio strength for service?

Mass, prayer, and friendship with Jesus nourished his joyful care for others.

2. How did he use his resources?

The retelling shows him giving money and help to people in need. He also thought about another person's medicine while ill.

3. How is mercy connected with the Beatitudes?

Jesus calls the merciful blessed. Mercy becomes concrete when we notice needs and respond with care.

4. What can you give safely?

Offer time, kindness, or an adult-approved share of resources. Do not give away necessary clothing, food, or belongings without guidance.

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 prayer or service and a safe act of practical mercy today.

Read & Write Recall joy and prayer, explain mercy, and plan a safe generous action.

Adapt by readiness

Ages 7-8: use notice, ask, help picture steps and a simple kind action.

Ages 9-11: connect one service detail with Matthew 5's Beatitudes and discuss responsible generosity.

A mountain of small mercies | Optional 4 minutes

Draw a mountain path with three stepping stones: notice, ask, and help. Add one small need you can respond to with an adult. The aim is caring service, not a real dangerous climb.

Look for understanding Look for mercy and joy together. Helping people should respect dignity and safety rather than become a competition to give the most.

Closing prayer Jesus, lead our hearts toward you. Give us joyful friends and help us serve people with mercy. Saint Pier Giorgio, pray for us. Amen.

At home With an adult, choose a charitable action and a healthy outdoor activity. Thank God for friends who encourage good choices.

Handout answer notes Habits: Mass, Rosary, mountains, friendship. Mercy: practical help for the sick and poor. Plans should respect dignity and safety.

Teach with care

Preview the illness, death, and description of his preserved body. Explain calmly that this is not necessary proof of holiness and need not be discussed in detail. Pier Giorgio was canonized on September 7, 2025; these resources use Saint although the earlier video says Blessed. Specific boots-in-snow dialogue is retelling, not established by the cited biography. Do not imitate barefoot travel or unsafe giving. Preserved remains are not a requirement for sanctity.

Words to explain Beatitudes: Jesus' teachings about blessedness in the Kingdom of God. Mercy: compassionate care for another. Verso l'alto: Italian for to the heights.

Sources for the leader

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

Canonization committee: [Pier Giorgio Frassati: biography](#)

Steps of mercy

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Pier Giorgio loved Jesus, enjoyed friendship, and helped people in need.

Name _____

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

1 Draw a peaceful moment of prayer or service from his story.

2 Draw one small mercy you can choose with adult guidance.

Tell Who could the action help? How can you show care and respect?

Pray Jesus, lead me toward you through joy and mercy. Amen.

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

Joy that serves

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Remember Pier Giorgio's prayer and generous choices.

Name _____

1 Recall his habits

Name a prayer habit or joyful activity in his story.

Pier Giorgio enjoyed ...

2 Connect mercy

What does being merciful look like in his care for others?

Mercy becomes action when ...

3 Plan a small mercy

Choose a safe action and an adult who can help.

My small mercy will be ...

Pray Jesus, lead me toward you through joy and mercy. Amen.

Go deeper How can enjoying a good hobby and serving others both help us grow in holiness?