Saint Junípero Serra

Always Forward | Read & Write

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Read together

Miguel grew up on the island of Mallorca. He joined the Franciscans and became Father Junípero Serra. He traveled to share the Gospel, even though his leg hurt. In California, Native families already had their own languages and ways of life. Life in the missions could be harsh, and people suffered. Serra spoke against mistreatment by soldiers. When a missionary was killed, Serra asked that the attackers' lives be spared so they could repent and change. Mercy did not make the killing right. His motto was Siempre adelante: "Always forward." We can begin with a kind and courageous choice wherever we are.

1. Name one difficulty Serra faced and one way he responded.

2. How can we protect someone who is being hurt?

3. What does mercy ask us to hope for when someone has done wrong?

My next good step: _____

Further study: Matthew 5:43-48; Luke 6:27-36. Ask an adult to read with you.