

Saint Angela Merici

Learning with patient kindness

Ages about 7-11 | Video 4:53 | Group lesson about 25-35 minutes

Central truth A patient teacher or friend can help another person discover their gifts and grow close to God.

Learning goals Recall Angela's care for girls and her companions; practice encouraging a learner; distinguish the retelling from later Ursuline history.

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 helps you when something is difficult to learn? Listen for patience, practice, kindness, and helpful explanations.

Watch and notice

Notice Angela's grief, her care for girls, and the Company of Saint Ursula. Listen for how kindness and determination work together.

Talk together | 6-8 minutes

1. What did Angela want for girls in the retelling?

She wanted them to have opportunities to learn and grow in faith. Every learner deserves patient care.

2. Did Angela do everything alone?

She formed a community of companions. Working together helped her service reach others.

3. What can a kind teacher or friend do?

Listen, explain patiently, encourage practice, and avoid making fun of mistakes. Let learners try for themselves.

4. Who could you encourage this week?

Choose a classmate, sibling, or friend and a concrete action, such as explaining a game or practicing reading together.

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 Angela helping girls learn, then picture a patient way you can encourage someone.

Read & Write Recall Angela's mission and companions, then write words and actions that help a learner.

Adapt by readiness

Ages 7-8: let a helper read the prompts. Draw a learning moment and dictate one encouraging sentence.

Ages 9-11: compare doing a task for someone with supporting that person's own learning.

Teach one small skill | Optional 4 minutes

In pairs, explain a simple skill such as folding paper or drawing a shape. Take turns as teacher and learner. Use one patient sentence, then ask what helped. Everyone may choose an easier skill.

Look for understanding Look for a specific encouraging action and respect for the learner. Help children see a mistake as a chance to practice.

Closing prayer Jesus, thank you for teachers and friends. Give us patience to learn and kindness to encourage others. Saint Angela, pray for us. Amen.

At home Teach or practice a small skill with a family member. Thank someone who has helped you learn.

Handout answer notes Mission: opportunities to learn and grow in faith. Encouragement: patient, specific words. Partner plans should allow the learner to participate.

Teach with care

Preview the deaths of Angela's parents and sister. Give grieving children permission to listen quietly or pass on a question. The video simplifies Angela's life and connects her directly with classroom schooling. Her 1535 Company centered on consecrated women living in society; Ursuline schools developed later. Treat visions and dialogue as devotional retelling. Children should eat healthy meals; do not imitate severe fasting.

Words to explain Company of Saint Ursula: the community Angela founded. Education: helping people learn and grow. Encouragement: words and actions that help someone keep trying.

Sources for the leader

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

Ursuline history: [Angela Merici and her writings](#)

Company history: [The Company of Saint Ursula: our history](#)