

Year 7

St Mother Teresa

1910 - 1997

Tutor Group: St Mother Teresa

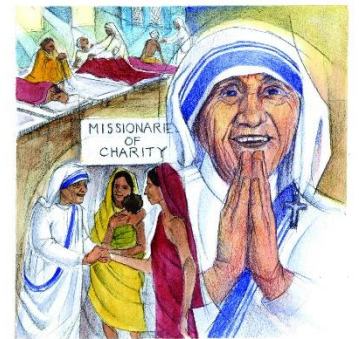
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I teach Religious Education.

I look forward to seeing you all in September and to having normal school.

What follows is some information about St Mother Teresa which I would like you to read through which will help you know more about the life of St Mother Teresa.

Mrs Eldon, has set you all a 6 week kindness challenge which you need to work on. Do random acts of kindness over the 6 weeks break and write them onto the mug you have drawn.



What is Saint Mother Teresa?

Mother Teresa was a **Roman Catholic nun** who founded a worldwide organization called the **Missionaries of Charity**. She believed that what she was doing was directly helping Jesus. Her aim was:



...to care for the hungry, the naked, the homeless, the crippled, the blind, the lepers, all those people who feel unwanted, unloved, uncared for throughout society, people that have become a burden to the society and are rejected by everyone.

Mother Teresa was born in Skopje, Macedonia on 26th August 1910. She was given the name Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu. Her family were deeply religious and were dedicated to the Roman Catholic Church. They did a lot to help the less fortunate in their community. This was to shape the way Mother Teresa lived her life.

Nuns often live together in a convent and devote their lives to God, which means they live without a lot of the things most of us take for granted. They give up a lot of their possessions, they cannot get married and they live to serve God and the people in their communities.

In September 1928, aged just 18, Agnes left her home to travel to Ireland to become a nun. The convent in Ireland sent Sister Teresa to India, to work as a missionary.

On 6th January 1929, she arrived in Calcutta in India.

Nuns had to take vows or promises to devote their lives to God and the church. In 1937, Teresa took her 'Final Profession of Vows'. This meant that she dedicated herself to a life of poverty, obedience and committed her life to God. She was given the title of 'Mother' and was then known as Mother Teresa.

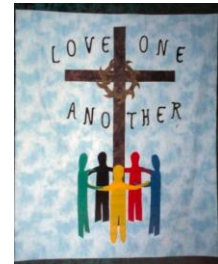


Her life helping the poor

Mother Teresa began teaching Geography at one of the Loreto schools. She loved her job, but couldn't stop thinking about the poor people outside of the school walls. Whenever she had time, she visited the slums with medicines and gifts.

How her life changed

On 10th September 1946 after 17 happy years as a Loreto Sister her life suddenly changed. Sister Teresa thought she heard the voice of God, she always remembered it as her 'day of inspiration'. God spoke to her and told her she must work with the poor in the slums. When she returned she asked permission from the Nuns. They said it was too dangerous and refused. It would be two years later until she would be given the decision she wanted.



Mother Teresa dressed like a poor Indian woman. She realised that she would need medical skills to help the poor and spent four months on a short nursing course.

How did help the poor?

In December 1948, she set up a school for the poor and then, in 1957, she opened an orphanage for homeless and destitute children.

Mother Teresa was disappointed that there was so little medical care for so many people on the streets. In 1963, she founded the 'Missionaries of Charity Brothers' to provide medicine and health care to the poor.



Working with the poorest of the poor

St Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 for her work with the '**poorest of the poor**' all around the world but particularly in **Calcutta**, India.

The **poorest of the poor** means all those who are **unwanted** and **unloved** and **rejected** by society, such as cripples, orphans, lepers, the blind, the dying and the homeless.

On September 5th 1997, Mother Teresa died. All her life she had been inspired by Jesus' words 'Love one another as I have loved you.' These words are carved on her grave. Almost half a million people of all religions came to say a final goodbye.

She was made a saint on 4 September 2016.

'Fill a Mug with kindness' Challenge

Mrs Eldon has set you all a challenge as follows:

1. Draw a mug on an A4 piece of paper
2. Do random acts of kindness over the 6 weeks break and write them onto the mug you have drawn.
3. Bring the mug picture filled with kindness back into you in the first week we are back
4. There will be prizes for each form

