



**CHILDREN'S
CATHOLIC
SAINT STORIES**

**ST. THÉRÈSE
OF LISIEUX**

FOR AGES 4-9



Thérèse was a young girl from Lisieux, France. She had four sisters, and she loved her family very much. Even as a little child, she was always thinking of others and finding ways to be kind. Her gentle spirit and deep faith made her beloved by everyone who knew her.



Thérèse loved Jesus with all her heart. From a very young age, she felt a deep connection to her faith and was drawn to the stories of saints and the teachings of the Church. She decided that she wanted to dedicate her life to showing love to Jesus and become a nun.



Even though she was very young, only 15, Thérèse was determined to join the convent. Her desire to live a life dedicated to God was so strong that she even traveled to Rome to petition the Pope for permission to enter the convent at such a young age.



In the convent, Thérèse developed her special “Little Way.” This was her idea that even small acts of kindness and love are very important to Jesus. She believed that doing little things with great love was her way of expressing her love for God.



Thérèse wrote a book about her life and her "Little Way," called "Story of a Soul." In her book, she shared her thoughts and teachings, hoping to inspire others to love God in their simple, everyday actions. She expressed that true piety lies not in great deeds but in loving kindness and quiet sacrifice.



Thérèse died when she was only 24 years old, but many people were touched by her life and her deep love for God. She was made a saint by the Catholic Church because of her faith and the way she lived her life loving others.