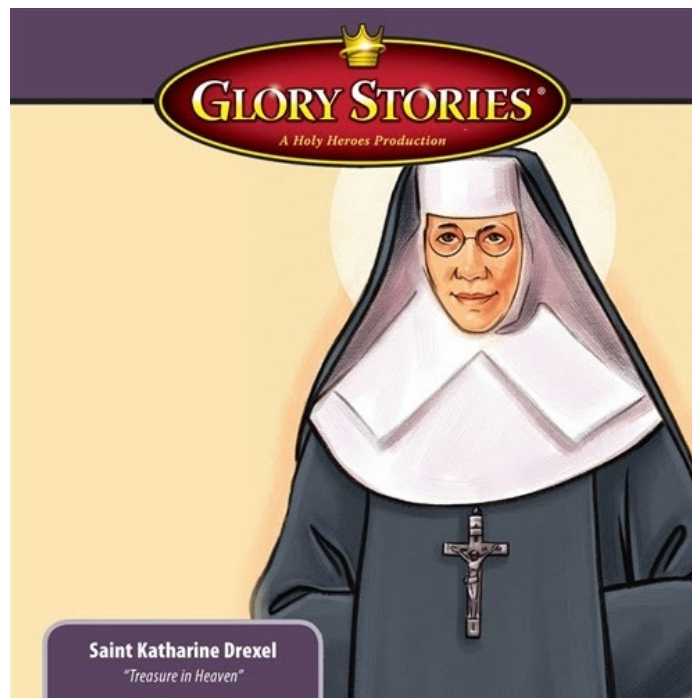




Saint Katharine Drexel  
*"Treasure in Heaven"*

EDUCATION GUIDE FOR PARENTS



## **Thank you for purchasing our Glory Story on Saint Katharine Drexel!**

We hope you enjoy listening to this audio drama as much as we had fun creating it!

Like many parents or teachers, you may be wondering how best to use your newly-acquired audio drama. Never fear!

Here are **7 ideas** on how to use your new Saint Katharine Drexel Glory Story:

### **1. During Car Rides or Road Trips**

*“We love learning about saints, and my children ask me to play the glory stories over and over in the car!! They never get tired of hearing the stories!!” – Joanna from Friendswood, TX*

Play the Glory Story while driving to your next field trip or event! Kids will stay interested in the story and characters (instead of the next pit-stop!)

### **2. In the Classroom**

*“It is great reinforcement for any reading you are doing on the Saints.” – Mom of 5 from Albuquerque, NM*

Supplement your CCD or religious education classes with Glory Stories! Play small sections of the Glory Story each class and pose a discussion question. Our suggested questions on page 3 will aid you in lesson planning!

### **3. Celebrating Feast Days**

*“When your grandson calls you and is jumping up and down with joy over a gift you know you found the perfect item” – Diane from San Diego, CA*

Use the Glory Story as part of your feast day celebrations! Mark March 3 in your calendar, and plan a day dedicated to his story! Play the Glory Story, print some coloring pages, and have kids make a cool craft! For ideas on décor, activities, and more, check out our “Saint Katharine Drexel” board on [Pinterest!](#)

### **4. Gifts for Birthdays or Receiving Sacraments**

*“I love all the Glory Stories, but this is definitely one of my faves! What a perfect First Holy Communion present!” – Holly from Aberdeen, NC*

Know someone named Katharine or Drexel? Is your child or grandchild receiving First Holy Communion soon? What better gift than a Glory Story to both further their religious education and let them know they are loved!

## 5. Parenting Tools

*"Our whole family enjoys listening to the lovingly written & read stories. A great way to help us think like saints." – Michelle from Larkspur, CO*

Use the Glory Story to bring up important and relevant topics with your kids. Listening to the story can help start conversations about treating others with respect, telling the truth, and other virtues!

## 6. Donations to Parish or School Community

*"I can't say enough on how great these CDs teach and entertain." – Jennifer from Quincy, IL*

Know people in your parish community who could use a Glory Story or two? Donate a copy to your parish library, Catholic school, or daycare!

## 7. Afternoon Down-Time or Bedtime

*"A great way to use what would be wasted time; now we use it learning about God. Thank you!" – Homeschool Mom*

Give momma a well-deserved break! Entertain the kids without having to turn on the TV! Kids will exercise their imagination, creativity, and listening skills while learning about their faith...it's a win-win! [Collect the entire set!](http://www.holyheroes.com) Visit [www.holyheroes.com](http://www.holyheroes.com) today!

## **Discussion Questions**

Not sure how to talk about the story with your kids? We've created a list of discussion questions for you! Of course, feel free to adapt or omit these questions based on your child's age, maturity, interests, attention span, etc.

*Note: St. Katharine is featured on the same CD as St. Joseph (another Holy Hero with his own, separate study guide)! For questions connecting their two stories, see the next section. St. Katharine's story starts on Track 6 of the CD.*

1. St. Katharine was born into one of the richest families in America at the time! Discuss how one is called to live with wealth. Did Katharine's family use their money for good? What charities does your family fund?
2. God wants us to give from our very best...what do you consider your "very best"? Do you have any special talents you can use to help others?
3. How can you help charities if you don't have money? *Prayer*
4. What did Mary tell St. Katharine? *"Freely have you been given: freely give."*
5. Pope Leo XIII suggested that Katharine become a missionary...what was her reaction? *She didn't want to be a missionary.*
6. Who did Katharine Drexel feel called to minister to? *Black American and Native American children*
7. What did Red Cloud ask Katharine to provide? *Among many basic needs, they especially needed schools for the children*
8. What vows do monks and nuns normally take? What extra vow did Katharine make? *Poverty, chastity, and obedience. St. Katharine also vowed to be "the mother and servant of all the black and native american peoples"*
9. What was her new order called? *The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament*
10. Who canonized Katharine Drexel? *Saint Pope John Paul II*
11. Katharine Drexel gave up a life of luxury to serve the poor in the United States as a religious sister! Instead of using her wealth and prestige for herself, she used her worldly possessions to serve the Church! What are some ways that we can be counter-cultural like St. Katharine?

## **Connecting the Saints**

Use these questions to connect the two stories featured on the CD!

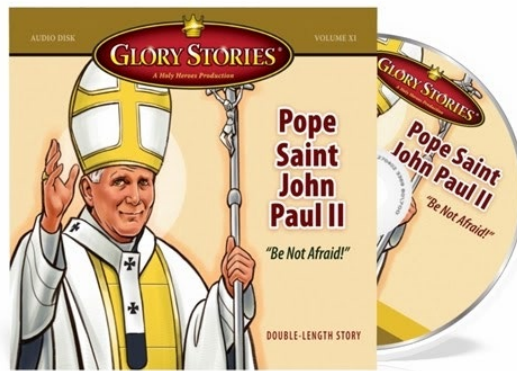
1. Do you see any similarities or differences between Joseph and Katharine? *Possible answers...were obedient, chose different vocations, came from different backgrounds, etc.*
2. Do you think they would have been good friends on earth? Do you think they are good friends in heaven?
3. When you get to heaven, what would you want to ask them? What do you think they would say?

### **Definitions to Know**

Is your child struggling with an unfamiliar word or phrase? Here are a few of the harder terms to understand or pronounce (and suggested ways to explain them)!

- Poverty - part of the vows a religious brother or sister takes. Poverty means to live with as little as possible.
- Chastity - part of the vows a religious brother or sister takes. Chastity means that one will choose not to marry for the sake of serving God better.
- Obedience - part of the vows a religious brother or sister takes. Obedience means that one will give up their own desires and go where God sends them.

Enjoying this Glory Story? Learn about the Pope who canonized St. Katharine Drexel...[Saint Pope John Paul II!](#)



## **Activity Ideas**

Help your kids retain the Glory Story through a fun activity! We recommend brainstorming some simple but fun ways your family or class can practice Saint Katharine's virtues.

Here are a few of our own! As always, adapt or create a project that is perfect for your family or classroom!

### **Learn about proper stewardship of money!**

Perhaps introduce the concept of money with your children. Talk about the rich man in Matthew 19 (RSV) and Jesus' words in Matthew 16:19 (RSV), and compare those passages to the actions of Katharine and her family.

How can we use our money responsibly and better the kingdom of God? What are some examples of good purchases or uses of money? We have a responsibility to know where our products come from and how they affect people.

Little kids can learn about basic currency values and practical math, while older kids can draft a personal budget for themselves (remember to include a tithe of 10 percent!). Or perhaps, as a family, donate to a cause which everyone agrees upon!

Finally, a [St. Katharine Tiny Saint charm](#) will remind kids to spend and save responsibly every day, even when you are not with them!

### **Make a Heavenly Treasure Chest!**

St. Katharine understood the importance of storing up treasure in heaven. Help your children understand the importance of this concept by making your own Heavenly Treasure Chest!

Find a bin or large cardboard box lying around the house. Label it "Heavenly Treasure Chest" and have your kids decorate it. Add stickers, jewels, paint...whatever you would like (mom may need to help with hot glue if needed).

Throughout the month, kids can place items that they wish to donate to charity. Or, the family can purchase canned or non perishable items to gradually add to the "chest." Once it is full, take the items to your local food bank or thrift store.

St. Katharine will be proud of your kids for praying for and serving the poor in your community!

### **Learn about the Beatitudes**

St. Katharine understood the importance of the Beatitudes for our world today. Cardinal Justin Rigali said of her in his 2008 homily commemorating her birth, "How beautifully Saint Katharine Drexel embraced and lived the Beatitudes. Her desire was union with Jesus through the Holy

Eucharist. The Holy Eucharist - the Presence and Love of Christ Himself - impelled Mother Katharine to heroic witness, to fervent compassion and charity, to total giving of self in service to God in the poor, the afflicted and the oppressed.”

Read Matthew 5:3-10. Type up the beatitudes and cut each line into strips. Then, cut each strip in half (for example, “blessed are the peacemakers (cut here) for theirs is the kingdom of heaven”).

Shuffle the strips together in a bowl, then have kids match the beginning and end of the phrases. They can glue the matches onto a separate piece of construction paper and hang it in their room to show their friends!

### Use an Interactive Timeline

Are your kids visual learners? Do they love history?

[This interactive timeline](#) from the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament (yes, the same order that St. Katharine founded) is a fun way to show kids the progression of her story. It also has great photographs of the saint and her family!

Have older kids compare dates in the timeline with world events. What composers lived around that time (St. Katharine would have listened to their music)? What fashions were common? What books were published that we still read today?



## **Additional Resources**

Need more ideas? Check out these cool books, websites, and more!

### **Books:**

Saint Katharine Drexel: The Total Gift - Susan Helen Wallace

Saint Katharine Drexel: Friend of the Oppressed - Ellen Tarry

[The Great Adventure Catholic Bible](#)

[Read-Aloud Book of Bible Stories - Amy Steedman](#)

[Who is Jesus / The Life of Jesus \(Set\) - Gaelle Tertrais](#)

[The Picture Bible - Iva Hoth and David C. Cook](#)

### **Movies / Audio CDs:**

[St. Katharine Drexel; The Holy Heiress](#) (watch for free on the Katharine Drexel shrine website!)

[St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Glory Story](#) (experience the story of another female American saint...she lived over a century earlier, but shared Katharine's passion for education!)

### **Websites / Pilgrimage\*:**

*\*We've provided links to virtual tours when available! If the church doesn't have a website, we've tried to link a website with good photos to show kids (or you can search on Google!)*

[St Katharine Drexel Shrine](#) (inside the [Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul](#), Philadelphia, PE)

[Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament](#) (Bensalem, PA)

