

Mother Teresa

Tuesday—Craft

Welcome. I was born with the name Agnes but most people know me as Mother Teresa. I was born in what is now the Republic of Macedonia. The youngest of my siblings. My father died when I was 8. As a young child, I loved stories about the lives of the missionaries and as I grew, I knew that I wanted to be one. When I turned 18, I joined the Sisters of Loreto as a missionary.

I first went to Ireland to learn English. That was the language that the Sisters used to teach the children of India. I began teaching in 1929 in various schools in India and eventually ended up in Calcutta where I was appointed headmistress. That's kind of like being the principal. I loved to teach but as I traveled around Calcutta, the poverty and sickness upset me more and more.

In 1946, I began to believe that I needed to leave the convent and live among the poor in order to most help them. In 1948, I changed into a plain white cotton sari and began my medical training. The first year of working in the streets, I had no income and had to beg for my food. I was often tempted to return to the convent but remembered what I was taught in the convent about God always being with me and I need only ask.

In 1950, I started the Missionaries of Charity. We were 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 shunned by everyone." We built hospitals and homes and the Missionaries of Charity still care for the poor, giving them food, medicine and places to live. They given them medical care that they cannot afford. They take care of people with AIDS and many other illnesses.

I teach that we don't need to do great big things but "do small things with great love." What do you think that means? How can you do small things with great love?

We are going to make medicine pouches like Mother Teresa gave to patients to keep their medicine in. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fUkeqh2Dn44>

Need—Full sized sheet of paper and string. Also a paper punch. Fold a 1 inch strip down one side of the paper. Then flip the paper over and fold the sheet in thirds with the side strip being folded into thirds. Tuck one side of the side strip under the other so that the sides interlock. Now take the bottom (the side away from the folded strip and tuck it under the folded strip) and fold the bottom tight. Add a string and you have a pouch. Follow the video for directions.

Decorate Wheel chair bags to take to the VA Hospital

Need—Wheel chair bags, Sharpie markers. 2 students or more to a bag. Encourage messages like "Jesus loves you" and flowers, etc to cheer patients. Teens will make bags to be used from pillow cases.

Today we will collect all kinds of hygiene items to take to the VA Hospital.

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