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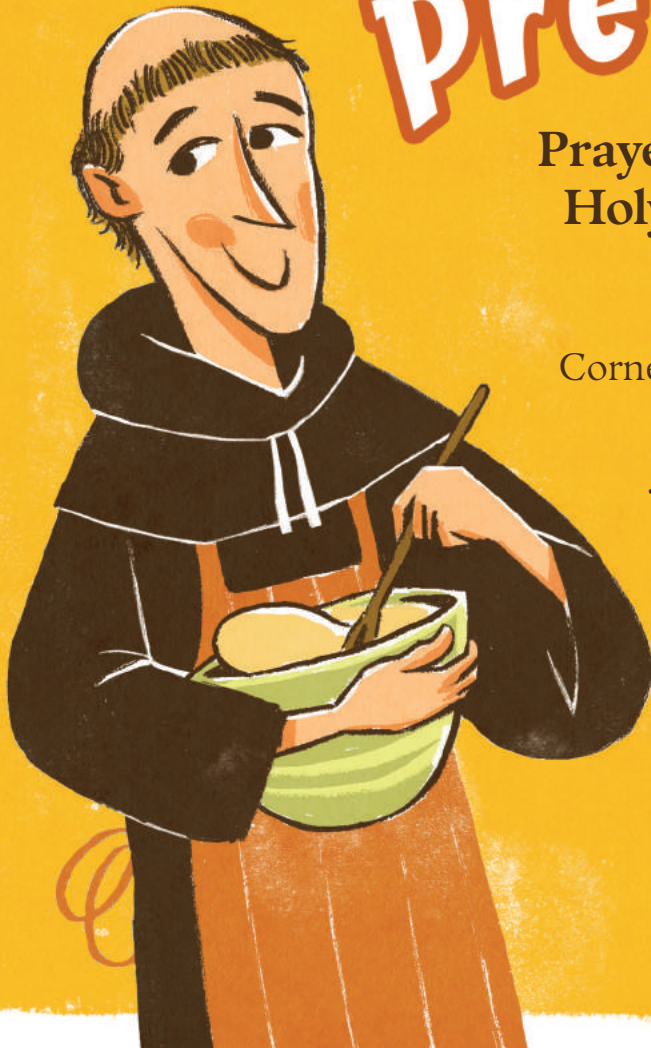


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This story is dedicated to all catechists  
who strive to share the faith  
with young children.  
May the Holy Spirit always provide them  
with just the right inspiration  
at the moment they need it.







Brother Lorenzo was in the kitchen making bread. *Life is good*, he thought as he punched and kneaded the dough.

He liked living in the monastery with the other monks. He liked praying in the chapel. He liked seeing the sunlight stream through the stained glass windows. It made him feel that God was smiling down at him. He even liked helping with the work of the monastery: growing vegetables, polishing candlesticks, and sweeping floors. He especially liked working alongside Brother Matteo, the monastery cook.



“Are you ready for your pupils, Brother Lorenzo?” asked Brother Matteo.

Brother Lorenzo sighed heavily. “Oh, if only teaching children were as easy as making bread!” he said.

Every weekday at three o’clock a group of children from the village came to the monastery to learn about God. Brother Lorenzo taught seven children that came on Fridays.





“What seems to be the problem?” asked Brother Matteo kindly.

“I want the children to know God and to love God, but my pupils are having great difficulty learning the lessons! Especially little Angelo.” Brother Lorenzo shook his head sadly.

“Hmm . . .” said Brother Matteo thoughtfully. “How about we say a prayer now, asking the Holy Spirit to help you?”

Brother Lorenzo nodded. The two monks bowed their heads and prayed together.





Turning back to his work, Brother Lorenzo shaped four large loaves of bread and set them near the fireplace to rise.



Just then he noticed that there was still a bit of dough left in the bowl.

“Oh no!” he muttered. “This is not enough to make another loaf!”

Suddenly, a picture popped into his head. “Hmm . . .” he said out loud. “I wonder . . .”