

ISSUE NO.2 - NOVEMBER - THEME: JOY

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**For kids, by kids**

# VERSE OF THE MONTH

"THEN THE ANGEL SAID TO THEM,  
'DO NOT BE AFRAID, FOR BEHOLD,  
I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS OF  
GREAT JOY WHICH WILL BE TO ALL  
PEOPLE.'"

LUKE 2:10



# BOOK REVIEW

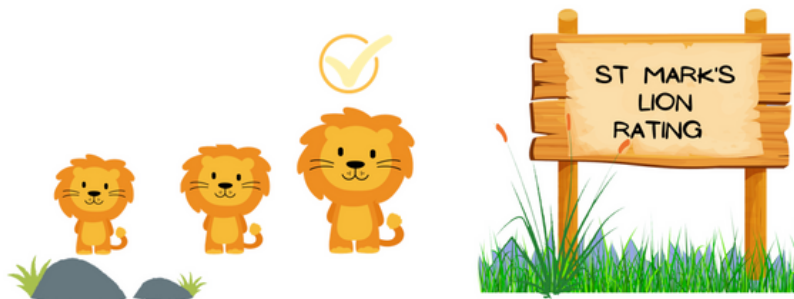
## SHADOW CHASER

Jerel Law

Shadow Chaser, by Jerel Law, is a jam-packed adventure novel, starring Jonah Stone who struggles within the spiritual world. In a metaphorical context, his struggles are exemplified; targeted by the fallen angel of disease, accordingly labelled Mch'ala. An exciting twist is taken on the Bible, contextualising the situations through their impact on an 'ordinary' boy. He learns how to endure multiple tests of faith, leaving morals to audiences regarding issues within their everyday lives. This epic book is just one of the 'Son of Angels' series; the whole set is featured at St Mark's Library. It is a great read for apt readers between the ages 7- 15 and is highly recommended for a fictional uptake on the Bible.

By Rachel Lawandi -Age 14

“A must read for any fictional-lover”



# SAINT MINA

Saint Mina is one of the most well-known Coptic saints because of the number of miracles that have been performed with his name. He was born to a Christian family and his mother, who couldn't bear children for a long time, kept praying until she heard a voice saying "Amen." So she called him Mina.

Saint Mina was a Christian soldier in the Roman army during the reign of Emperor Diocletian, who persecuted Christians. Saint Mina, however, openly declared his Christian faith and refused to participate in the persecution of fellow Christians. As a result, he faced persecution himself and was eventually martyred for his faith.

By Joseph Ghobrial



# INTERVIEW



With Fr Augustinos by Epiphany Nematalla

## Question 1

How can a christian child sacrifice in their everyday life?

The best way to offer sacrifices is to give to God, from the things that we have in our life. So we can sacrifice time, food, or things that we can give up for the sake of Christ. That could be money or clothes. The best way to sacrifice is to give whatever we can to God.

We give God time in our prayers. So that's sacrifice. Reading the Bible, we give God time. We can sacrifice some of our luxuries, and instead we can give to the poor. We can give some of our money to those who need. We can sacrifice by not over indulging in many things. Be humble, this is a sacrifice.

But the most important thing is that we sacrifice out of love for God. When we love God more and more, we spend more time with God, and that's a sacrifice. We also stop all the things that are not useful. We replace them with the things that are more fruitful for our spiritual life. This is a sacrifice we can control by giving it to God.

# INTERVIEW



## Question 2

I'm reading a book called *Kisses from Katie* and it is about service in African countries. How can a child help people in Africa, since they don't have money?

A lot of people send some of the things they no longer use or need to Africa. For example, the shoes that they barely wore, people send some of their clothes if they have too much or some of their toys and books. That's one way we could do it. If you don't sacrifice or we don't give money, you give from the extra things you have.

Some people get things like tuna cans, some cans of food to give to Africa. So whenever we go to Africa on a mission trip, we collect all these things. In Africa it's very hard to buy shoes. We see a lot of their feet are wounded. So any shoes that we can give are very much needed there. We can donate to the servants planning the next Africa trip.



### Question 3

**What does a person have to sacrifice in their lives to serve God and the people in Africa?**

As I mentioned, when we want to serve God, we have to sacrifice a lot of our time. We sacrifice money, and effort. Sometimes people sacrifice their health and they push themselves. For example, Sunday School servants, they're tired, yet they push themselves to go and visit people. They make an effort to ring them and make an effort to just to see their problems. When we serve, we try to be conscious of the needs of others.

I feel that if I see somebody struggling for something, I try to help them in that struggle. There are people who need prayers. A servant needs to struggle to stand up to pray for them to offer offering. When we're in the mass we can give the priest a note to say please pray for these people too.

All these are sacrifices that we do for others to help them and that's pleasing to God because Jesus said that when we visit the sick or we visit the poor, or people in prisons, we are visiting Christ specifically. So everything that we do for others, we do it specifically for Christ Himself. So it's not just the person but Christ in that person.



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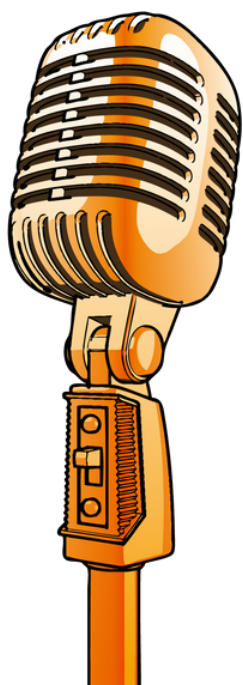
## WORDSEARCH

BY SOPHIA & DANIEL



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LUKE  
ST MINA  
MIRACLE  
DIOCLETIAN  
CAMELS

JESUS  
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