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For kids, by kids

BOOK REVIEW

WHATEVER GOD

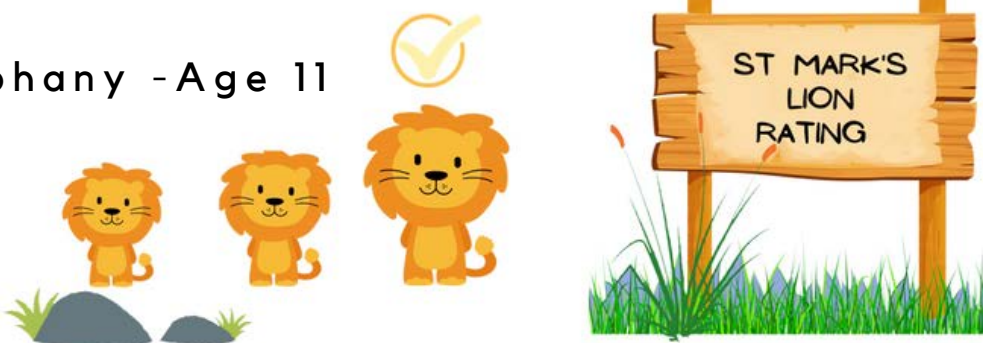
by Fr Anthony Messeh

This book is a very nice and enjoyable read. The author teaches you about christian living and a life of repentance, love, and honesty. I really encourage you to read this book.

It is very exciting and relatable. Fr Antony understands what it's like to be a child. The first part of the book is an autobiography. It details his journey into priesthood, and his struggles in making important decisions in his life, just like everyone else. My favourite quote is "My goal is to help you see where God wants you to be, how He wants you to live and what your life should look like and could look like if you allow Him to lead it for you."

I recommend this book for anyone who is in pursuit of God's will in their life, specifically the age of 10 and above.

By Epiphany - Age 11



VERSE OF THE MONTH

"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST,
AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOODWILL
TOWARD MEN!"

LUKE 3:14



SAINTS BARBARA & JULIANA

Written by Gabriella Yr-6 St Apollo and
Yuliana Yr-2B Saint Gideon

Faith, Love & Persecution



St. Barbara was born into a non-Christian family, and was renowned for her beauty. Her father, in an effort to protect her, had her confined to a tower surrounded by guards. Despite her seclusion, she was introduced to Christianity by her maid.

She secretly followed Christianity until her dad knew and he became very angry as he wanted her to worship for idols.

There was a girl called Juliana, who watched St. Barbara while she was being tortured and wept for her. Juliana saw the Lord Christ strengthening and comforting St. Barbara; she was enlightened and believed in the Lord Christ too. St. Barbara and St Juliana both received the crown of martyrdom on the same Day.

INTERVIEW



With Fr Jacob by David Ibrahim

Question 1

Could you please tell me a story or a piece of advice that could help kids like me understand what peace means? And how to be peaceful and kind to others?

If you're crossing the road and there's heavy traffic, scary traffic, and then all of a sudden you find mum next to you. More than that, you find mum catching your hand and you go hand in hand. Will you be scared? No, because mum is with you. There's the peace with God. Is He there? Yes? Does He catch my hand? Yes. If He helps me then why should I be scared? I have to have peace, because the King of Peace is with me.

Another example, if I go to the zoo and see a scary lion I am not scared because there is a fence that prevents the lion from touching me. Who is the fence that provides defence for me? God. He is my helper and I am not scared.



INTERVIEW



Question 2

How did David find peace in his heart to stand up to Goliath when he entered the battle?

I think David had a previous experience because he said that “in the same way I defeated a lion and bear, I can face Goliath.” David had a slingshot and he had experience using it. He was very talented. A lion was attacking him and he hit the lion so it dropped dead. And he did that with a bear. The bear also was killed. So he knew that God helped him and then he knew God would help him against this great man, Goliath.

So when David entered do you remember what he said? He said to the man, you come to me with a spear and I come to you with the power of God. So what gave David this peace and confidence? It was his knowledge of God and *experiencing* how God helped him before.

If I have experienced that He helps me, why should I be scared? For example, if I am sick, He helps to heal me. Then if I get sick again, knowing that He helped me before, I know He will again.



Question 3

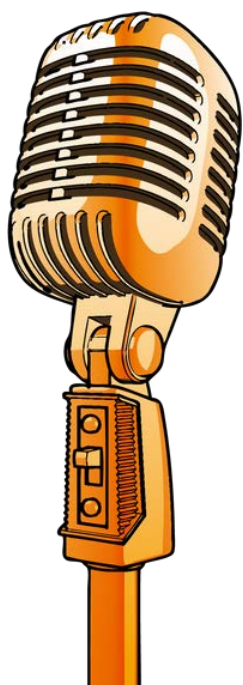
How does our faith teach us to have peace, especially during difficult times, like exams?

When I answer you, I'll share what Saint Mar Eshak said. He is one of the history teachers. "My conscience said that I will win because I know that I am serving God. I pray to him, I listen to him. I listen to my parents. I never fight with my sister. I always pray..." Then my conscience tells me I'm not going to be let down. So is it possible that I do that for God and He doesn't hear me? **Impossible.** He's God. If I help His children, wouldn't He help me? He promised.

I'll tell you the story of a king. His name is King Hezekiah. This king one day was told that he would die. He was very sad - not because he's dying, but because he didn't have children. The kings of Judah believed that one of their sons will be Christ. But he didn't have sons! So he thought the Lord is not happy with me. Then he prayed. And he said to the Lord, "Remember how I was good? Lord, remember what I did for You? You've seen my heart, that I'm very true to you. Would you let me down?" Then the Lord said to him, "I heard your voice. I heard your prayers. I saw your tears and I'm going to heal you." So the Lord healed him and gave him 15 years to live. And during these 15 years here, he had a son, and from that son's line came Jesus.

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