





Good morning. Today is a special day in our church. Of course, every day is special when we can be together. But some days are more special than others.

Today's special day is called All Saints Day. Can you say that with me? All Saints Day. Did you know that you are a saint? A saint, in the Bible, is what people in the church called each other.

"I am a saint, you are a saint, we are all saints together." Saints in the Bible are those who seek to follow Jesus. So, you see, I think you must be a saint because I know you try to follow Jesus: loving God, neighbor, and even your enemies.

But sometimes you will hear somebody called "Saint So and So." Or maybe you have friends who go to St. Matthew's Church. It is named after one of Jesus' disciples named Matthew. Sometimes famous people who did wonderful things get called saints.

And sometimes at church, you might hear someone talk about someone who died. They might say, "He was a real saint." This is a way of remembering someone that we really liked who followed Jesus.

Today we are remembering some saints in our church. We are remembering people who died in the last year. Did you ever know anyone who has died? When someone dies we usually feel sad. And we might cry because we loved them. Because they were saints, because they tried to follow Jesus and helped us to follow Jesus, we do things to honor them. And today, we will remember them by reading their names in worship.

I give thanks every week for the ways you show me how to follow Jesus. You are Jesus' saints. Yes, children are Jesus' saints, and Jesus knew you would be and he told adults, "become like children to enter God's kingdom."

Saint Children, please pray with me.

