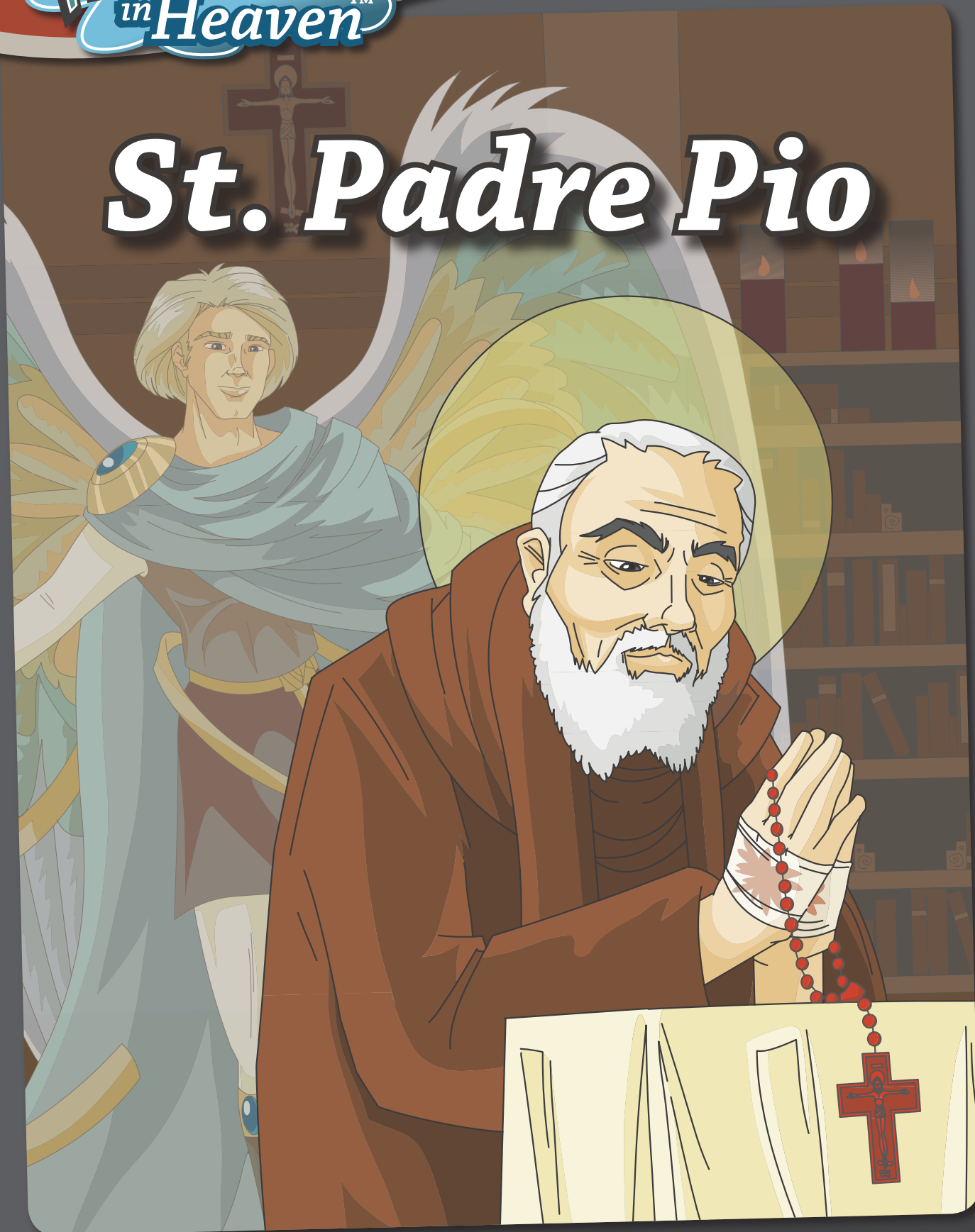




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**St. Padre Pio**

# Lesson Plan

- Objectives**
- To introduce the life story of St. Padre Pio to children 4–12 years old.
  - To show how suffering can make us more Christ-like.
  - To give children a role model for their Christian pilgrimage to Heaven.

- Supplies**
- St. Padre Pio Introductory Story
  - St. Padre Pio Music Video
  - 5 red dot stickers per child

**Lesson** *Teacher:* “Padre Pio lived 38 years ago. When he was a child he could see his guardian angel. He was a very special child and grew up to become a Franciscan monk and then a priest.

He loved Jesus so much that he wanted to be just like Christ. He prayed and asked Jesus to give him the same wounds that Christ had on the cross. Padre Pio knew Jesus loved him so much that he died on the cross for him and all others. Padre Pio received the stigmata. His blood smelled like flowers.

Padre Pio loved Jesus so much and became so holy, that God gave Padre Pio many special gifts Padre Pio could bilocate and be in two places at one time. He could heal very sick people with his prayers. Padre Pio had visions of Jesus, Mary, and St. Francis many times in his life. He could also see people’s souls and help them with confessions.

To help us remember Padre Pio today, we are going to put stickers on our hands, feet, and sides. This can help us remember that Jesus loves us so much that he suffered and died on the cross for each one of us. And we can remember that Padre Pio loved Jesus so much that he wanted to be just like him.”

*Pass out stickers.*

*Teacher:* “Put one sticker on your right hand and say “Thank you Jesus for loving me so much. Pray for us, Padre Pio.”

*Each time the children place a sticker on each hand, foot, and side, repeat as a group, “Thank you Jesus for loving me so much. Pray for us, Padre Pio.”*

# Lesson Plan (Continued)

*Children will keep these stickers on their hands to use with hand motions to the Padre Pio music video.*

## *Hand Motions for Music Video*

**Song part:** Oh, oh, oh

**Hand motions:** Hold both hands up, elbows pointing down, showing sticker wounds. At each oh lyric, rotate hands showing front then back of hands.

**Song part:** Oh can't you see?

**Hand motions:** Hold hand over eyes to show looking far away.

**Song part:** He was holy.

**Hand motions:** Make the sign of the cross.

*Teacher needs to review hand motions showing children how to do them.*

*Play music video and lead hand motions.*





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# Padre Pio Rock

*Music can be found on the Heroes in Heaven Demo CD*  
By Michael A. Barone © 2006

Padre Pio—oh oh oh  
He was holy—oh oh oh  
Oh my oh me—oh  
Hey can't you See—oh?

He was a monk who was a man  
He took the vows of a Franciscan  
Obedience and Poverty,  
Oh and one more thing that's chastity.

Padre Pio—oh oh oh  
Hey can't you See—oh?  
Oh my oh me—oh  
He was holy—oh oh oh

Sometimes at night as he lay in his bed  
That old devil tried to get into his head  
But padre Pio prayed his rosary  
And that old devil, well he just had to flee

Padre Pio—oh oh oh  
Oh my oh me—oh  
Hey can't you See—oh?  
He was holy—oh oh oh oh

Padre Pio well he was just one guy  
But he could be in two places at one time  
And He didn't need a plane to go fly  
I'm telling you he would really blow your mind.

## Padre Pio Rock (Continued)

Padre Pio

He was holy—oh oh oh

Hey can't you see?—oh oh oh

He was a hero—oh oh oh

He could read people's souls now that was a gift

So if you ever need a prayerful lift

Ask him to be your spiritual Father

You know that you oughta

Cause he had the stigmata.

Padre Pio

He was holy—oh oh oh

Hey can't you see?—oh oh oh

He was a hero—oh oh oh

Poverty obedience and chastity.

Those sound like pretty great vows to me.

They're not just nice words you can say

They really help keep the devil away

Padre Pio

He was holy—oh oh oh

Hey can't you see?—oh oh oh

He was a hero—oh oh oh

He said the rosary was your weapon

Ha! So fight the good fight and if you lose your aggression

Well take this here from Padre Pio's lesson

Get up from your sins and go to confession!

Padre Pio

He was holy—oh oh oh

Can't you see?—oh oh oh

He was a hero—oh oh oh



## Padre Pio Rock (Continued)

God sent his angel to be his friend  
To help him fight to the very end  
He said he would always help us too  
I know he helps me  
You can ask him to help you.

Padre Pio  
He was holy—oh oh oh  
Can't you see?—oh oh oh  
He was a hero—oh oh oh

Padre Pio  
Oh Oh  
Can't you see? Oh!  
He was holy! Oh!

Now he didn't take any junk  
He called the devil a punk  
Even when he tried to mess with his bunk  
He didn't take any of the devil's junk.

Padre Pio

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Hey can't you see? Oh!  
He was a hero!







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Appropriate for:  
**Preschool, Grade K**

# Painted Rock with Statue

- Supplies**
- Various rocks 2-inch x 3-inch diameter, washed
  - Small statues of Padre Pio ([www.catholicdirect.com](http://www.catholicdirect.com))
  - Paint brushes
  - Cups with water
  - Paper towels
  - Glue
  - Acrylic paint of various colors
  - Paper plate
  - 1 black permanent marker
  - Optional: newspaper

- Set Up**
1. Place newspaper as drop cloth at each child's area.
  2. Put 3 different colors of paint on a paper plate palette for each child. Begin with a quarter size puddle of paint. Add paint as children need it.
  3. One cup of water and one paint brush per child.

- Directions**
1. Let children choose a rock from the collection.
  2. Write children's names on bottom of their rock with permanent marker.
  3. Talk to children about painting the rocks. Ask what ideas the children have for painting. Suggest rainbows, flowers, crosses and so on.
  4. Remind children to wash paint brushes when they change paint colors.
  5. After children are done with paint, add a puddle of glue to paper plate palette the size of a quarter.
  6. Instruct children to paint glue on the center of the rock and put Padre Pio statue in place. Use a lot of glue to keep statue in place.
  7. Put the rocks in a place where they will not be disturbed while drying.





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Appropriate for:  
**1<sup>st</sup> Grade & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

# Check Box Diorama

- Supplies**
- Empty check book boxes
  - Water color paper or white construction paper
  - Water color paint
  - Paint brushes
  - Empty spools from thread
  - Spanish moss
  - Glue
  - Small paper cups
  - Guardian angel sticker
  - Monstrance picture
  - Gold acrylic paint
  - Small Padre Pio statue per child ([www.catholicdirect.com](http://www.catholicdirect.com))
  - Cup of water per child

- Set Up**
1. Paint the outside and inside walls of the check book boxes gold with acrylic paint, one per child.
  2. Pre-cut water color paper 3 ¼ inches x 6 ½ inches and glue with glue on the inside, bottom of the check book box.
  3. Paint spool from thread, gold with acrylic paint.
  4. Pre-cut poster board into 4-inch x 4-inch squares for the base of the Diorama.
  5. Place at each child's work area the following items for assembly: one gold check book box, one paintbrush with a cup of water and watercolors.

## Directions

1. Write child's name on the 4-inch x 4-inch poster board.
2. Have children place boxes flat on the table. Have children take paintbrush and wet water color paper in box by painting clean water covering all of the paper.
3. Instruct children to apply water color paint to wet paper. Paint will bleed onto the wet paper and create a soft colorful look. Children may blend colors or keep areas of color separate. The different colors will have a stained glass look.

## Check Box Diorama (Continued)

4. Let paint dry. If paint has soaked into the paper and will not run when the box is in its upright position go on to step 5.
5. Using the small paper cups, pour a small amount of glue into lid for each child. Give each child a gold spool. Turn boxes up to stand in the tall position and glue gold spool in the middle of the bottom edge of box using a paint brush for the glue.
6. Paint glue on the remaining part of the bottom edge of box and apply Spanish moss.
7. Paint glue on the gold spool and position Padre Pio statue on the spool.
8. Glue Monstrance and Guardian angel pictures on the water color paper above Padre Pio.
9. Put glue on the 4-inch x 4-inch poster board and set check box in the center of the poster board.
10. Let dry undisturbed.





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Appropriate for:  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

# Milk Lid Hanging Decoration

## Supplies

- Clean milk jug lids or other similar lids, one per child
- Tacky glue
- Paint brushes
- Assortment of small plastic colored beads, enough to fill each milk lid
- 2 pieces of assorted colored  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch ribbon, cut 8  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches long per child
- 1 piece of assorted colored  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch ribbon cut the circumference of the milk lid or similar lid, one per child
- Scissors
- Paper clips
- Small statue of Padre Pio ([www.catholicdirect.com](http://www.catholicdirect.com))
- Hole punch
- Paper plates for each child
- 1 black permanent marker

## Set Up

1. Place paper plate at each child's work area with a paint brush. Pour glue onto the plate about the size of a quarter.
2. Give each child a milk jug lid.

## Directions

1. Tell children to turn milk jug lid over and paint glue inside lid.
2. Give each child a small statue of Padre Pio and have child place statue in glue, standing statue in the lid.
3. Give each child about a tablespoonful of colored beads. Make sure there is enough glue in lid to hold the beads in place. Have children place beads around the statue until lid is filled with beads.
4. Give each child a paper clip and 2 ribbons 8  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches long. Have children line up the ribbon and slide the two pieces through the paper clip. Children should lay this piece down on the table and apply glue with paint brush on four spots of the side of the lid.
5. Encourage children to carefully pick up the ribbon, paper clip piece and glue the four ends of the ribbon to the glue spots. This will be the hanging part of the decoration. The ribbons should be glued so they don't block the view of the statue.

# Milk Lid Hanging Decoration (Continued)

6. Take the pre-cut ribbon the size of the diameter of the lid and glue around the diameter of the lid. This should cover the ends of the other ribbons and reinforce them.
7. Tacky glue should hold the ribbon. If it is not staying in place, use a piece of tape to hold ribbon in place until it dries.
9. Let project dry.

**Optional:**

Teacher may use a hot glue gun to glue ribbons in place. This part of the project is difficult.





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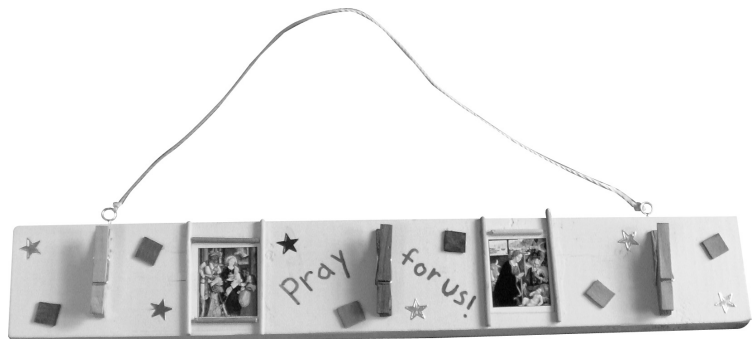
Appropriate for:  
**5<sup>th</sup> Grade & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

# Clothespin Note Holder

- Supplies**
- 1-inch x 3-inch pine boards cut to 16 inches long
  - White acrylic paint
  - ¼- ½ inch eye hooks, 2 per child
  - 20-inch piece of yarn, one per student
  - Picture of Padre Pio
  - Assorted buttons, stickers and other decorative items
  - Glue
  - Paper cups
  - Paint brushes
  - Permanent marker for teacher
  - Sandpaper
  - Newspaper
  - Optional: assorted colored markers, paper towels for clean up

- Set Up**
1. Pre-cut pine boards to specified length, one per child. The teacher may sand rough edges or the children may do this.
  2. Pre-cut 20-inch pieces of yarn per child.
  3. Place newspaper at each child's work area.
  4. Give them one pine board, small amount of white acrylic paint with paint brush (paper cups are good for paint).

- Directions**
1. Write names on the back of the pine boards.
  2. Paint the front, and edges of the pine boards white. Let dry.
  3. Screw in eye hooks approximately 2 inches from each end of board on one of the edges.
  4. Tie yarn to eye hooks making the board able to hang on a wall.
  5. Glue Padre Pio picture on center of the board.
  6. Glue 2 to 4 small wooden clothes pins on each side of the Padre Pio picture.
  7. Decorate with misc. items such as buttons, stickers.
  8. Children may write "Pray for Us" on the board.
  9. Allow children to be creative with their decoration ideas.
  10. Let dry.





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# This Child of God Prays

*Sung to the tune of "This Old Man".*

This child of God he prays one.  
He prays always in the sun.  
With a sign of the cross  
Say a little prayer  
This child of God prays here and there.

This child of God he prays two  
He prays when he puts on his shoes.  
With a sign of the cross  
Say a little prayer  
This child of God prays here and there.

This child of God he prays three  
He prays always on his knees  
With the sign of the cross  
Say a little prayer  
This child of God prays here and there.

This child of God he prays four  
He prays when he walks through the door.  
With a sign of the cross  
Say a little prayer  
This child of God prays here and there.

This child of God he prays five  
He prays when he's on a drive  
With a sign of the cross  
Say a little prayer  
This child of God prays here and there.

# **This Child of God Prays (Continued)**

This child of God he prays six  
He prays when he picks up the sticks.  
With a sign of the cross  
Say a little prayer  
This child of God prays here and there.

This child of God he prays seven  
He prays to get to Heaven  
With a sign of the cross  
Say a little prayer  
This child of God prays here and there

This child of God he prays eight  
He prays right here by the gate  
With a sign of the cross  
Say a little prayer  
This child of God prays here and there.

This child of God he prays nine  
He prays when he stands in line  
With a sign of the cross  
Say a little prayer  
This child of God prays here and there.

This child of God he prays ten  
He prays again and again and again  
With a sign of the cross  
Say a little prayer  
This child of God prays here and there.





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# Stigmata Jello Jigglers

- Ingredients**
- 2 ½ cups boiling water
  - 4 pack (4 serving size) or 2 pack ( 8 serving size) Jello gelatin any flavor
  - Mitten-shaped cookie cutter

- Directions**
1. Stir boiling water into gelatin. Dissolve completely.
  2. Pour the mixture slowly into 13-inch x 9-inch pan.
  3. Refrigerate at least 3 hours.
  4. Press cookie cutter into Jello and lift cutter straight up. Remove jigglers from pan. If jigglers are difficult to remove from pan, dip bottom of pan in warm water for a few seconds to loosen gelatin.

## Easy Alternative

- Ingredients**
- Pretzel sticks

- Directions**
1. Children can make cross shapes with pretzels before eating.



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# Guardian Angel Tag

**How to Play** Choose one person to be "it".

When the person chosen to be "it" tags someone, the tagged person becomes a guardian angel. They must hold hands and run together to tag someone else.

Each person tagged holds hands forming a chain of kids. They must run all together to tag another person.

When there are 4 people tagged, two may break off and be a team of guardian angels.

Continue tagging and forming chains until four can be split into two children.

Continue game until everyone has been tagged. Or you may call the last person not tagged the winner.



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# Memory Verse

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*Luke 6:27*

*"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, Bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."*

*—St. Joseph Edition NAB*

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