

## Assembly (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Class) Based on Lesson 6 Stepping Out

### Saint Francis

**Song** Make me a channel of your peace.

**You need:**

to have taught the lesson Saint Francis(Term 1 Lesson 6) Stepping Out  
to dramatize the story and have pictures of a crib, an Italian flag and some animals.

write some prayers on the theme of peace

You might find some on line images of picture painted/ stained glass of St Francis to display.

1	Last week in R.E. we talked about saints
2	First we made a list of famous people. We thought of N.... people.
3	Then we heard about some famous people who are called Saint.
4	Like Saint Patrick.....Saint Brigid.... (refer to your school or church name if it is a saint's name)
5	Then we heard the story of a saint called Francis - Saint Francis.
Teacher or pupils	<p>(Dramatise the story)</p> <p>This is Saint Francis. He lived in Italy over 800 years ago. He was very very rich. He had a great life having fun with his friends and enjoying himself.</p> <p>But when he was 20 he was taken prisoner in a battle in his town. He spent a year in prison and while he was there he thought a lot. He decided to spend the rest of his life helping the poor.</p> <p>Francis got out of prison and went to Rome. He had on his nice smart clothes again.</p> <p>The first thing he did was swap his clothes with a poor man who was begging on the street. He spent the rest of that day with the poor homeless people on the street.</p> <p>For the rest of his life he dressed in a simple cloak with a rope tied around it.</p> <p>He gave away his money and taught people that following God was the most important thing.</p>
6	Other people followed his example. They became known as Franciscans.
7	St Francis day is 4 October
8	St Francis is the patron saint of Italy (hold up flag)
9	And the patron saint of animals (pictures/ soft toys)

10	And he made the first Christmas crib
11	St Francis told people all about God and he talked a lot about peace
12	The song Make me a channel of your peace is from a prayer he wrote
13	Children's prayers on theme of peace or animals or people who have been good examples to us.
14	Thank you for listening to our Assembly about St Francis. He is a saint because he was a special person who followed God.

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