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ABC'S WITH SAINT Augustine

Directions: Cut out the words below that describe Saint Monica and her life and put them in alphabetical order. To put them in the right order, match the first letter of the word you cut out to the box with the letter in it.

A
B
B
P
S
W



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Word Search

A	T	R	J	I	P	R	A	Y	E	R
M	P	R	I	E	S	T	U	P	N	C
S	A	I	B	O	G	L	W	O	T	J
K	F	D	Y	W	R	I	T	E	R	T
O	P	O	C	X	M	B	E	I	U	A
B	P	C	K	A	Q	S	V	K	T	J
I	A	T	E	J	T	A	D	F	H	B
S	C	O	V	F	R	I	O	X	W	H
H	Y	R	D	J	U	N	K	U	I	A
O	A	U	G	U	S	T	I	N	E	M
P	E	L	F	C	H	Y	B	O	O	K

Augustine
writer
book

saint
priest
bishop

doctor
prayer
truth

Saint Augustine

ST. AUGUSTINE'S STORY

St. Augustine of Hippo was born on November 13, 354, in Thagaste, North Africa. His mother, Saint Monica, was a devout Christian, but his father, Patricius, was not.

As a young man, Augustine did not follow the Christian faith. He focused on fame, pleasure, and success. But none of these things made him truly happy. His mother prayed for him daily, hoping he would find God.

At age 30, Augustine moved to Milan, Italy to learn and later, to teach. He met Saint Ambrose, the bishop of Milan, whose wisdom deeply inspired him. Augustine grew closer to the Church and was baptized. He wrote many books about our faith that are recognized by the Church today.

St. Augustine himself would become a bishop and later, a saint for all the work he did to teaching others about God.

St. Augustine, pray for us!



*St. Augustine heard a voice telling him to read the Bible.
This is a portion of what he read in the book of Romans 13:13.*

**Let us conduct ourselves properly,
as people who live in the light of day.**

QUIZ *Circle the correct answer for each question.*

- Who was Saint Augustine's mother?
 - Cristina
 - Mary
 - Monica
- What city did Saint Augustine move to?
 - Madrid, Spain
 - Milan, Italy
 - Paris, France
- Who did Saint Augustine mentor under?
 - Bishop Ambrose
 - Patricius
 - Peter
- Before becoming a saint, Augustine was...
 - a fisherman
 - a lawyer
 - a bishop

Saint Augustine



Saint Augustine is one of the most influential saints in the history of the Catholic Church.

He was a well-educated and an extremely prolific writer.

Augustine was born in 354 in Thagaste in northern Africa. His mother, Saint Monica, was a devout Christian but his father, Patricius, did not convert to Christianity until he was on his deathbed. Monica prayed daily for her husband and son's conversion.

As a young man, Augustine lived an immoral life contrary to Christian ideals. While studying in Milan, Saint Ambrose (who was Bishop of Milan then) took him on as a mentor and helped him overcome his theological objections to the Church's teachings. It wasn't until an encounter

with Christ in Scripture, that Augustine decided to be baptized.

He was praying in a garden next to his home when he heard the voice of a child say, "Take up and read." He opened the Bible to a random page and read Romans 13:13-14, which he felt God wanted to share specifically with him at that moment. A portion of what he read said, "*Let us conduct ourselves properly, as people who live in the light of day.*" He became a Christian just before his mother passed away.

Augustine traveled to Hippo in northern Africa in hopes of becoming a monk, but the people there called for him to become a priest and then later their bishop. His many sermons and books, including his autobiography he titled *Confessions*, became essential texts in defining Church doctrines.

St. Augustine, pray for us!

• LESSON REVIEW

1. What made Saint Augustine decide to become a Christian?

2. What was Augustine doing before he heard the voice calling him to read the Bible?

3. Why do you think the people of Hippo wanted Augustine to become a priest?

4. Saint Monica prayed for her son's conversion. Is there anyone in your life that you can pray for their conversion?
