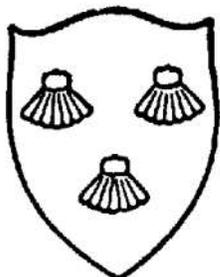


St. James Episcopal Church
A Moment for Kids—of All Ages!
NOVEMBER 5, 2017— ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
WHO ME? A SAINT? YOU BET!

There are many, many Saints! A **Saint** (BIG S) is someone who has been recognized by the church for being particularly important, brave, helpful or loving and standing up for faith in Jesus. Some saints lived at the time of Jesus, some live today. They are all through our history. Here are just a few of our (BIG S) Saints and their symbols.



This is the shield of **St. James**. St. James was one of the twelve disciples. After the resurrection and ascension of Jesus he walked far and wide to spread the good news of the Gospel and to baptize people. So, his symbols are a walking staff and a shell, which is often used in baptism.



St. Brigid of Ireland was baptized by St. Patrick. She took his words to heart and dedicated her life to helping the poor. Her symbols are a candle, lamp or fire, and a cow. This is "St. Brigid's Cross"—which has equilateral arms and is woven from rushes.



St. Luke the Evangelist wrote the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts. He was a physician as well as an artist. He is depicted as an ox to signify strength, sacrifice and service. His other symbols are a book, or artist's bush and palette.



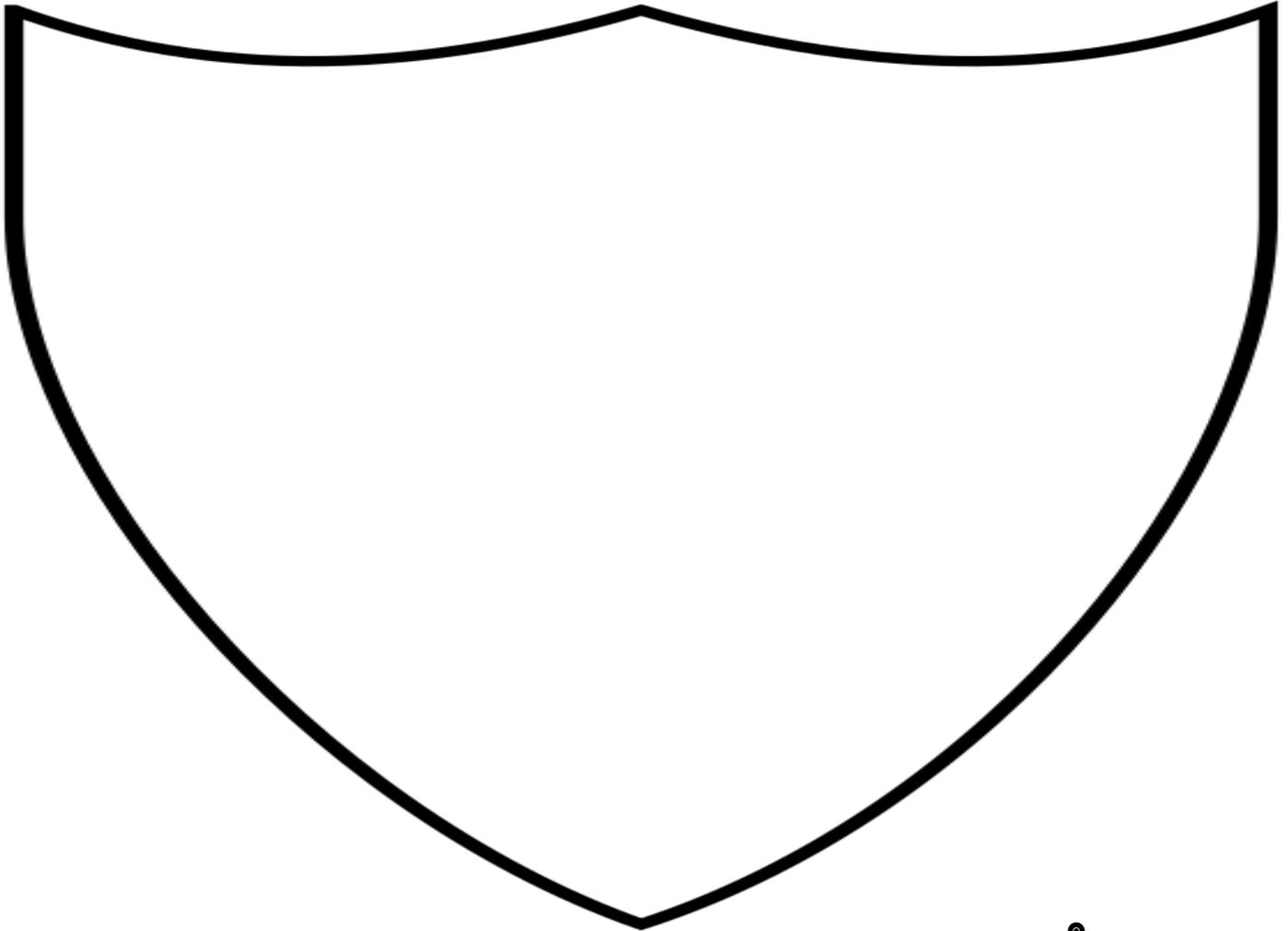
St. Nicholas is the real Santa Claus. He was a bishop and was known for helping the poor by putting money in their socks. He did this in secret so that no-one would know who helped them. His symbols are bishop's vestments and bags of money.

But guess what? **We are ALL saints!** (little s). We are all part of God's world and are called to do our best to be loving, share the good things we have and help other people to see and feel God's love. How are you a saint? We are NOT PERFECT, but we can try every single day to love God and other people and show that in everything we do and say.

THE GOSPEL AND REAL LIFE

I'M A SAINT!

All the "BIG S" Saints have emblems or shields, something that tells us about them. What kind of saint are you? Make YOUR shield. Write your name in the shield and then add pictures or words that tell about how special YOU are, how you make the world a better place.



BRINGING THE GOSPEL HOME: THOUGHTS FOR PARENTS

It is easy to think of Saints as perfect, standing on pillars and made out of ivory. But Saints are real people. They get it wrong, mess up and make mistakes—sometimes really big ones. The important thing is that they always try again. Perhaps a better word to describe them is "resilient". Talk to your children about being resilient, about always being willing to try again. God's love doesn't give up on us, so we should give up on ourselves or each other.

Dinner Table Conversations:

Who is your favorite "BIG S" Saint? Why

Who do you know that is a "little s" saint? What do they do to show that they love God?

What did you do today to show that you are a saint?

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