

**Children's Adoration Meditation**  
**June, 2013**

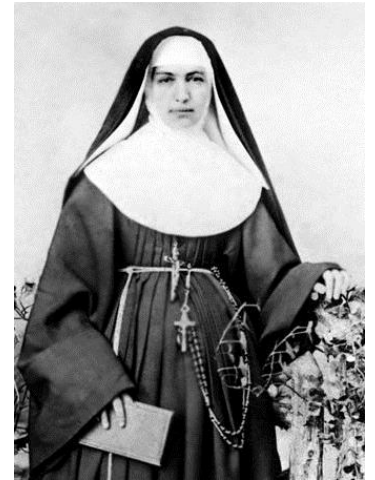
**“It Goes Two Ways...”**

When you are playing with a friend,  
who decides what you will do together?  
Is it always you? Your friend?  
Or do you share the decision?  
Have you ever played with someone  
who thinks everything is all about them?  
Does the other person want you as a friend  
or do they just want someone to boss around?  
In any friendship, each person has to give and take.  
We need to listen and talk. Lead and follow,  
as well as cooperate and work together.



Think about your friendship with God.  
When you pray and talk to Him,  
are you doing all the talking?  
How much time do you spend listening  
to His words in your heart?  
Are you the bossy one  
directing God to what you want from Him?  
Are you leading where you think He wants you to go?

St. Marianne Cope did a lot of listening and following God's direction for her life. She was born in Germany, but her family moved to the United States when she was little. She felt God calling her to be a nun when she was very young. She studied, learned and grew up to be a teacher, a leader in her order and also helped open hospitals. These hospitals were the first to treat everyone. No one was turned away.



**She believed everyone should be treated equally, with compassion and respect, JUST as JESUS DID.** She was asked to go to Hawaii to help care for people with leprosy. She continued to treat these people just as she had always treated everyone.



**Today when you pray, ask God to help keep you quiet, in your heart and mind, so He can speak and you can hear Him. Listen for His direction. What does He want of you today? This hour? This week? He speaks softly. So softly, sometimes you can only hear Him in your heart, not with your ears or in your head.**

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