

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI



Saint Francis was born in the twelfth century in Assisi, Italy. His family was rich and Francis lived a comfortable life. Francis was very popular as a young man. He loved parties and fun and spending money. He wanted excitement. So, when he got the chance, he went off to fight in a war. Francis was searching for true happiness but he could not find it in parties or money or being a soldier.

When he was about 23, God lead Francis to change his life. He gave away all his belongings and lived a life of poverty. He traveled around the countryside preaching God's word. He helped all the people he met along the way. Soon, other young men joined Francis. They dedicated themselves to doing God's work, too.

Saint Francis loved all of God's creation, especially animals. There are many stories about Saint Francis preaching to birds and rabbits. There is even a story about how Saint Francis tamed a wolf! He loved God's creatures so much that he called animals "brother" and "sister."

Saint Francis' feast day is October 4. He is the patron saint of animals and the environment.

SAINT FRANCIS SCRAMBLE

The words below are all related to Saint Francis.

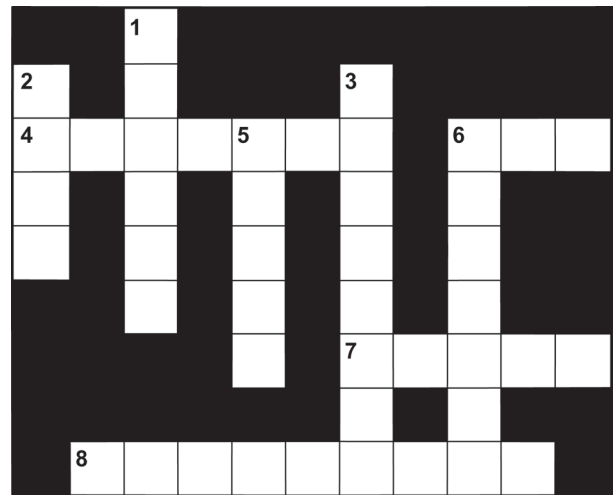
Unscramble the words and print them in the blanks provided next to the scrambled word. When you finish, put the letters with numbers under them in the corresponding blanks at the bottom to complete a fact about Saint Francis.

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Saint Francis founded the religious order that we usually call the Franciscans. The official name of the Franciscans is...

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ACROSS

4. Saint Francis' feast day is ____ 4.
6. Saint Francis gave away ____ his belongings.
7. Saint Francis was born in Assisi, ____.
8. Saint Francis was searching for true ____.

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1. Saint Francis is the ____ saint of animals and the environment.
2. As he traveled the countryside, Saint Francis preached God's ____.
3. Saint Francis loved all of God's ____.
5. There are stories of Saint Francis preaching to ____ and rabbits.
6. Saint Francis loved animals so much that he called them "brother" and "sister."