

## **SACRED STORY**

# **THE STORY OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO (REMEMBERED AUG. 28, DIED IN 430)**

## **LESSON NOTES**

**FOCUS: ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO WAS RESTLESS AND FOUND REST IN GOD.**

### **THE MATERIAL**

- **LOCATION: THE MYSTERY OF PENTECOST SHELF, THIRD SHELF, BESIDE ST. ELIZABETH**
- **PIECES: ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO BOOKLET, A PEAR, THREE SMALL FELT CIRCLES (WHITE), CLOTH WITH A TEAR IN IT**
- **UNDERLAY: GREEN**

### **BACKGROUND**

Augustine was born in North Africa, lived for few years in Rome and Milan, and returned to Africa where he became a priest and bishop of Hippo. His many writings have influenced Christianity for more than 1500 years. He was the theologian most quoted by St. Thomas Aquinas.

### **NOTES ON THE MATERIAL**

St. Augustine's story sits on a small, shallow tray about 8" square, with sides about 2" deep. It has a groove in the front to slide the "saint booklet" in so the children can see it when they approach the Mystery of Pentecost shelf.

The booklet is 4.25" x 5.5". The cover has an image of St. Augustine on it that matches the saint figure used in the introductory lessons on the communion of saints. The second page has a map of the world on it, with what we now call Algeria, Augustine's home, highlighted and labeled. It also has an image of the flag of Algeria. The third page has a time line beginning with the year 1 AD and ending with the year 2000 AD. It has an arrow indicating when Augustine lived. The rest of the booklet has the story of the life of Augustine.

Behind the booklet in the tray are placed the objects used to help us remember Augustine's life: a pear, three small felt circles (white) and a piece of cloth with a tear in it. The underlay is a 12" square piece of green cloth and is folded on top of the objects.



**ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO TRAY**

### ***A NOTE ABOUT DATES FOR THE SAINTS***

There is scholarly debate about the dates for the lives of many saints. We have had to make decisions about these dates for pedagogical reasons. We hope the children will continue to learn more about the saints all their life long, including their dates. The basis for the dates used in the saints lessons is how they are remembered liturgically. This has been established by custom in the Roman Catholic, Anglican and other traditions. We usually follow the dates that are found in the Episcopal publication called *Lesser Feasts and Fasts, 2006*. This book is also a reference for remembering saints for most days in the year and for children (and adults) to continue to learn more about the saints, using this liturgical orientation.

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