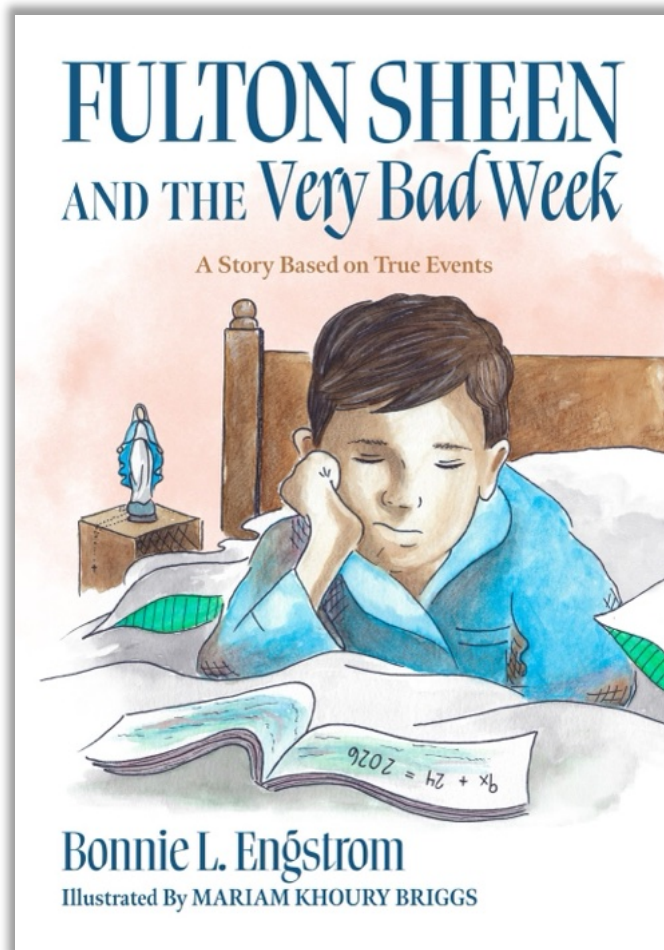


FULTON SHEEN AND THE VERY BAD WEEK *Activity Book*



A perfect tool for Kindergarten through 4th Graders to learn more about Fulton Sheen and the plans God has for their lives

A note to parents and teachers:

Fulton Sheen and the Very Bad Week, written by Bonnie L. Engstrom and illustrated by Mariam Khoury Briggs, is a book recounting true stories from Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's childhood. Intended to help children learn more about Fulton Sheen, it also can help them see how much Jesus loves them. The fully illustrated, 48 page book is available to order from the St. Paul Center [here](#).

Using this companion activity book, children can learn with little Fulton Sheen during a very bad week of mistakes and misunderstandings. The activities provided share facts about Fulton's life, support reading skills, and provide opportunity for reflection and personal connections.

A table of contents is provided on the following page with a list of activities and suggested grade levels for each activity, but use your knowledge of your child(ren) to support or stretch their work.

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, pray for us!

Answer Keys:

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Name _____

Fulton Sheen's **DAYS OF THE WEEK**

Can you copy these days of the week and
Fulton Sheen's name in your best handwriting?

Monday Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday Friday

Saturday Sunday

Fulton Sheen

Pray for us!



Name _____

FULTON'S FAMILY

Fulton Sheen lived with his father and mother (Newton and Delia) and his three brothers (Joseph, Aloysius, and Thomas) in Illinois.

**Who are the members of your family?
Draw them here:**

What are your family members' names?

Name _____

GOD'S PLANS FOR YOU

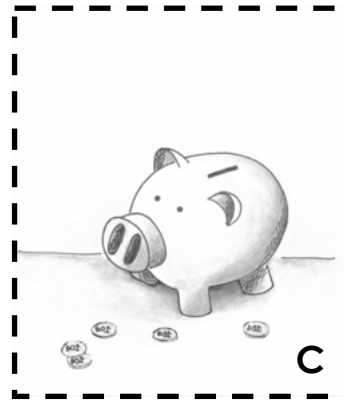
God had big plans for Fulton Sheen— he went on to be a priest, television star, author, bishop, and now is on the path to being canonized a Saint. **But God has big plans for you too!** Draw a picture of some of the plans God might have in store for you in the future.



Name _____

SHEEN'S SEQUENCE

After reading *Fulton Sheen and the Very Bad Week* can you put these event in the correct order using the chart on the next page?



P.S. Although these events didn't actually all happen in the same week, they are all true! Fulton Sheen wrote about them in his autobiography, *Treasure in Clay*.

Name _____

Fulton Sheen and the Very Bad Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday

Name _____

FULTON TIMELINE

Can you put these events from Fulton Sheen's life in order? Use 1 for the first event and 6 for the last event.

_____ 1951- Consecrated a bishop

_____ 2026- Beatified

_____ 1919- Ordained a priest

_____ 1979- Died December 9th

_____ 2012- Named Venerable

_____ 1895- Born May 8th



Name _____

FULTON MATCH

Can you match the answers to these Fulton Sheen trivia questions? Draw a line from the clue on the left to the answer on the right. All the answers can be found in the book!

**Fulton was a nickname.
What was his actual first
and middle name?**

**JMJ for
Jesus,
Mary, and
Joseph**



**What did Fulton drop
and break at the
cathedral when he was
altar serving?**

**Peter John
Sheen**



**In what Diocese was
Fulton ordained a
priest?**

Over sixty 60+

**What did Fulton write at
the top of his papers
and chalkboard?**

**A wine
cruet**



**How many books did
Fulton write over his
lifetime?**

**The
Diocese of
Peoria**

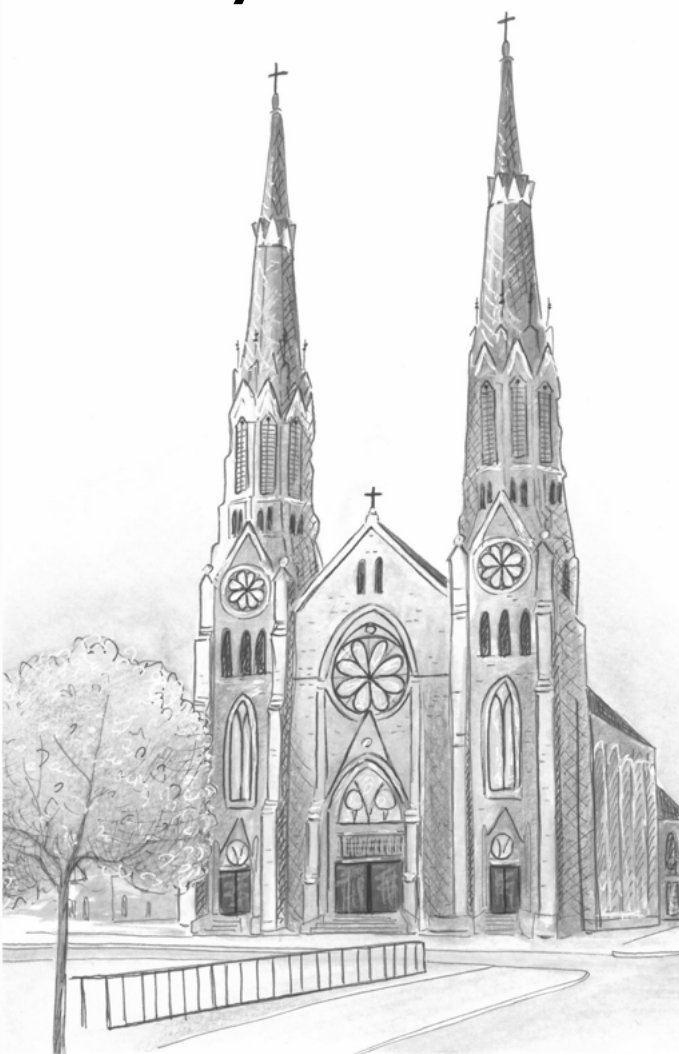


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SHEEN FAMILY PARISH

Fulton Sheen and his family attended Mass at The Cathedral of St. Mary in Peoria, IL. Here Fulton was an altar server and later was ordained a priest.

The Cathedral of St. Mary in Peoria, IL



Fun fact: A cathedral is a home for all members of a diocese. Do you know the name of your cathedral?

What is the name of your parish? Draw a picture of your church here:

Name _____

Fulton Sheen's **HOMETOWN**

Fulton Sheen was born in El Paso, IL and grew up in Peoria, IL. Draw a heart in Illinois on the map. Where are you from? Draw a star on your state.



What is your favorite thing about your hometown?

Bonus:
Fulton Sheen also lived in Washington D.C. and New York. Can you find them on the map?

Name _____

A VERY BAD DAY

Which of Fulton's bad days do you think was the worst?

Fulton talked to his mom and dad after his very bad week. Who do you talk to when you are going through something tough?

Draw a picture and write a caption about your own very bad day:

Name _____

SHEEN'S SEARCH

Can you find these hidden words in the wordsearch?

JESUS
BISHOP
CRUET

FULTON
CATHEDRAL
JMJ

SHEEN
PEORIA
LOVE

E	P	R	R	A	L	J	E	S	S	L	N	P	L
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A	H	O	L	T	S	E	M	O	O	C	S	I	A
P	C	R	N	B	I	P	E	E	U	U	J	J	T

Name _____

MAKING MISTAKES



What do you do when you make a mistake? Write a reflection about how we should react when we have done something wrong, had an accident, or hurt someone.

Name _____

FULTON TRIVIA

Can you find the answers to these Fulton Sheen trivia questions? All the answers can be found in the book!

Fulton was a nickname. What was his actual first and middle name?	What did Fulton accidentally steal from the grocery store?
What disease did Fulton have as a baby?	What did Fulton drop and break at the cathedral when he was altar serving?
Which bishop was Fulton serving for at the cathedral?	What is the name of Fulton's autobiography?
How many books did Fulton write over his lifetime?	Was Fulton later on the radio, television, or both?
In what Diocese was Fulton ordained a priest?	In what Diocese did Fulton Sheen serve as a bishop?

Name _____

STEPS TO SAINTHOOD

Do you know the steps to Canonization, the process by which the Church declares someone a Saint? Use the Word Bank to fill in the boxes below.



Step Four:

After a second miracle is approved, they are canonized!

Step Three:

A miracle is proven to have occurred through their intercession.

Step Two:

An investigation reveals that the person showed heroic virtue.

Word Bank

Venerable
Saint
Servant of God
Blessed



Step One:

After their death, their Cause for Canonization is opened.

**Bonus: Put a star at the step
Fulton Sheen's Cause is at!**

Name _____



Fulton Sheen wrote “JMJ” at the top of school papers, asking Jesus, Mary, and Joseph to watch over his work. You can do the same! Color and decorate the Holy Family’s names :

Jesus

Mary

Joseph

Good

Love

You!

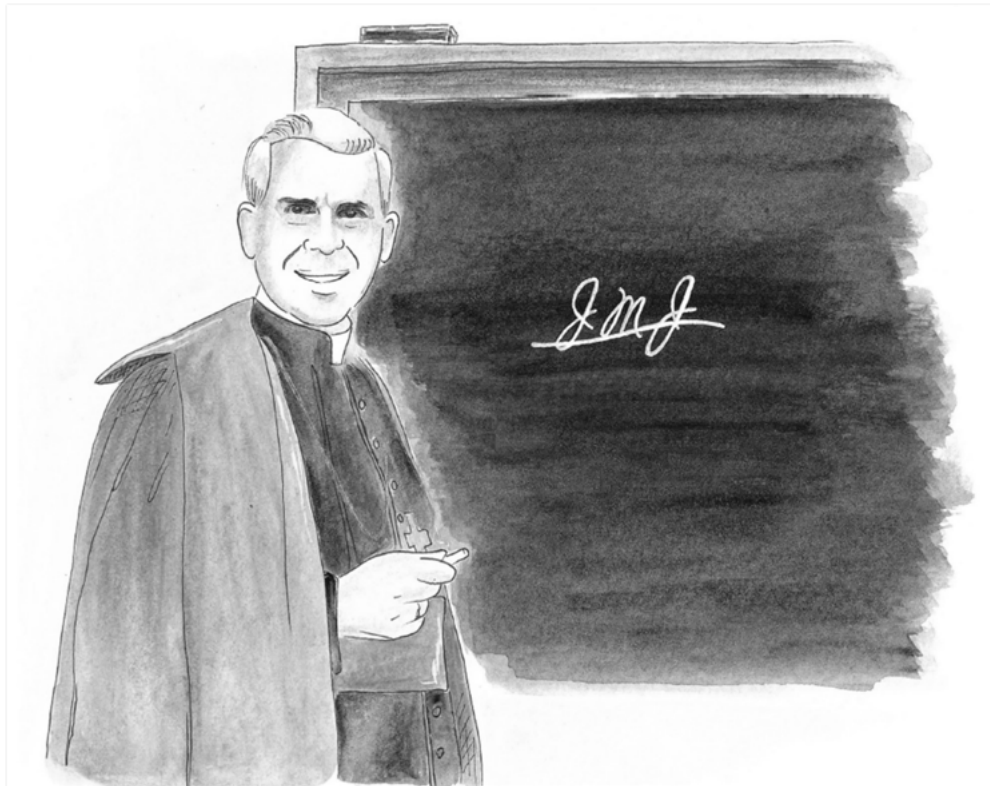
Fulton
Sheen,
Pray
for us!

Prayer for the Canonization of Fulton J. Sheen

Heavenly Father, source of all holiness, You raise up within the Church in every age men and women who serve with heroic love and dedication. You have blessed Your Church through the life and ministry of Your faithful servant, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. He has written and spoken well of Your Divine Son, Jesus Christ, and was a true instrument of the Holy Spirit in touching the hearts of countless people. If it be according to Your Will, for the honor and glory of the Most Holy Trinity and for the salvation of souls, we ask You to move the Church to proclaim him a saint. We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Favor through the Intercession of Fulton J. Sheen

Eternal Father, You alone grant us every blessing in Heaven and on earth, through the redemptive mission of Your Divine Son, Jesus Christ, and by the working of the Holy Spirit. If it be according to Your Will, glorify Your servant, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, by granting the favor I now request through his prayerful intercession
(mention your request here)
I make this prayer confidently through
Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.



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