

Saint Daniel, pray for us!



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# The Children's Word

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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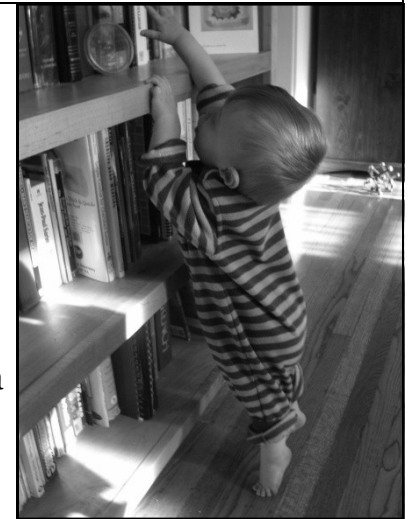
## All by yourself?

**Can you think of a time you needed help with something?** Maybe you couldn't reach something up high, or maybe you needed help tying something or cutting something. Sometimes we *think* we can do something all by ourselves, but then we find that we do need help.

Today, in the Gospel story, we hear about a woman who needed help. This woman had had a bent back for 18 years. Just imagine—for 18 years she stared down at the ground. She couldn't look up at the sky or at anybody's face because she couldn't make her back straight. For 18 years, she had a problem that she couldn't fix. She needed help.

When Jesus saw the poor woman, he had compassion on her. He felt sorry for her. He thought about her awful problem, and he helped her. He told her, "You are freed of your sickness."

So many times (and not just when you are a kid!) you will have problems that you can't fix yourself. We might worry about them, and we might wonder what we should do. But don't forget: when we come to our good and loving God in prayer, He will listen to us. He will see our problems and He will understand them. And He will always give us just what we need!



# WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Advice
- Attention
- Compassion
- Daniel
- Eighteen
- Gospel
- Healing
- Miracle
- Prayer
- Stylite

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# WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Actually, there are a few saints who were stylites (they lived up on pillars).

In one of the icons, you see two saints, both named Symeon.

In the other, you can see Saint Alpius the Stylite. Do you see their pillars?



# GETTING ATTENTION SAINT DANIEL THE STYLITE



This is Saint Daniel, who lived up on top of a tall pole like this.

**Have you ever tried to** get attention? Maybe, when you were little? Well, getting attention usually isn't so great, you know. But this week we celebrate the nameday of a saint who got lots of attention. He used that attention to tell people about God. He used it to give advice to people who needed it.

Saint Daniel was called the Pillar-Dweller, or the Stylite ("stylos" means pillar, in Greek). Many years ago, he

built a pillar, or a pole, not too far from the great city of Constantinople. He lived up on top of that pillar for 33 years! And what did he do there? He prayed to God. He gave advice to people who wanted to learn how they could grow closer to God. All that time, he suffered with foot problems (he was standing all the time).

Saint Daniel got all kinds of attention. Two emperors even came to visit him! But he really wanted the attention not for himself, but for God. And that's the way we should live our lives. We might not live up on a pole, but we can always try to give good attention to God (not ourselves). Sometimes people might say, "Good job!" to us for something we've done. We can say "Glory to God" or "thank God!" We can give that good attention back to God.

We remember St. Daniel on Thursday, December 11th (OC: December 24th).