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Moses Teaches His People

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oses stood on a high place where he could be seen and heard by the many Israelites who had gathered around him. After thanking God for his goodness and mercy, Moses spoke to the people.

"The Lord has promised you a land where you will prosper and be at peace. There are some things he wants you to do in his honor when you get there.

"Once you have reached the land and have made your homes there," Moses continued, "each of you must take the first of everything that you harvest and place it in a basket. When your basket is full, take it to the place you have made in which to worship the Lord. When the priests asks what you wish to do with your offering, tell him you are thanking God for bringing you to the land of promise."

There were several priests in the crowd. One of them, an older man, stood and asked, "What are we to do with the offerings that the people bring to us?"

Moses looked toward the priest who had spoken.

"When you receive the offerings, place them at the altar of the Lord," Moses said. "After the offerings have been made, then you will proclaim a celebration. It should be a time of rejoicing, a time for sharing. If there are any visitors among you at the time, invite them to join with you."

A younger man stood up and asked, "Some of us have added children to our families who have never known the slav-

Puzzle

Fill in the blanks to learn more about Moses. All Bible references are from the book of Exodus. Answers found on page 15.

1. Moses' father was from the tribe of 2:1

2.	Moses saw an		strike	а
	Hebrew man.	2:11		

ery and hardship of Egypt. How shall we explain the celebration to them?"

"Do it in this way," answered Moses. "When you make your offering at the altar, bring your children with you. Then, in the presence of God and your children tell the Lord you are grateful for your freedom. Remember that you came from a small tribe of people who God has transformed into a mighty nation. We called out to God and he heard us. We were suffering and he rescued us. Because he has given a new land to you, give him the first of your harvest."

"Does God want us to offer the first of every harvest?" asked another man. "Is this to be an annual feast?"

"Every three years after the first feast,"

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Bible Accent

Many parishes celebrated the Rite of Election on the first Sunday of Lent (March 5 this year) for candidates in the RCIA program. RCIA means Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This is a program where adults may receive any or all of the Sacraments of Initiation, which are Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. RCIA Candidates will be fully received by the church at the Easter Vigil.

As part of their preparation, they have attended classes, studied Scripture, talked with priests, teachers, or sponsors about their faith and have spent much time in prayer. Let us welcome the new members of our faith this Easter season and keep them in our prayers. May they also keep us in theirs.

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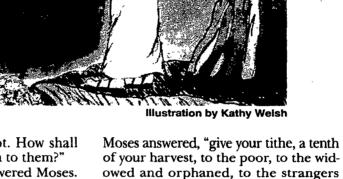
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St. Dominic

Dominic Savio was born in 1842 and knew from a very young age that he wanted to be a priest. When he was twelve years old, he became a student at the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales in Turin. He followed the school's rules of discipline rigid-



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1. What did God want the Israelites

2. How much of the harvest was to

the land that will be your home."

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- 3. Moses saw the angel of the Lord in a _. 3:2
- was the brother of Moses. 4:14
- 5. Moses said, "Let my people go!" to the _
- 6. Moses and the Israelites crossed the on dry ground. 14:21
- came out of the rock Moses hit with his staff. 17:6
- 8. Moses received the ten commandments on . 18:18
- 9. God ordered Moses to celebrate festivals each year. 23:14

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Last month's winner was Kurt Wojak, a second-grade student at Chili's St. Pius X School. In response to the question We talk to God by praying. How can we show God we listen to him as well? he wrote:

14624. Deadline for entries is February 23, 1995. The winner will be noti-

• I can show God I listen to him when I try my hardest at school. I can show God I listen to him when I go to church. I can show God I listen to him when I help other people.

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ly and often spent long hours in prayer. \$

While in prayer one day, Do-Ŵ minic saw a vision of a priest-like man holding a torch and leading a 2 crowd of people through a dense ۲ fog. The man said to Dominic, "The ŵ light of the Catholic faith will shine ø on the people of England." Pope Pius IX was inspired by this vision to make a missionary visit to England.

Dominic died of tuberculosis when he was fifteen. He is the patron saint of juvenile delinguents 8 and we honor him on March 9. 83

