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Saint Elizabeth

I felt close to Jesus when we celebrated my little sister's birthday. Elizabeth was born with Trisomy 18. She had a lot of medical problems. I remember her crying a lot. Mom said she only cried when she needed something but it seemed like a lot to me. I remember holding her and reading to her. I especially remember her love of lights and showing her fairy lights. Elizabeth lived for 11 months, then her heart stopped beating unexpectedly and she died. Even now, we celebrate her birthday every year.

On what would have been her third birthday, we lit floating lanterns. We got up and went outside after it was dark. We took turns lighting the lanterns. As we watched one of the lanterns float, we sang Happy Birthday. As we sang, I felt very close to God.

Some people may not agree with me, but I believe when babies die and have not sinned, they go to Heaven. I also believe people in Heaven are saints. Elizabeth was baptized and never sinned so I believe she is a saint. Saints are close to God, so I feel very blessed and close to God when I think of my sister Saint Elizabeth.

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I may be only 9 years old but with the help of my parents I know who God is. He loves me and I love him.

I was surprised to go to school and find out some of my friends didn't know how to pray to God. My uncle got into an accident and got really hurt. I went to school and asked my friends to pray for him. They said, "I would but I don't know how to pray." When they told me that, it made me really sad. I thought to myself, "Doesn't everybody know to pray?" But then I realized how blessed I am to have a relationship with God.

I went home and told my Mom what happened and how sad I was that my friends didn't know how to pray. My Mom said, "We need to say extra prayers for your friends so that they open their hearts to Jesus."

I went to bed that night and said extra prayers for my friends and uncle.

The next day at school one of my friends came up to me and said, "I didn't know what I was doing but I prayed for your Uncle." That made me really happy.

I may be only a kid but if I keep on praying and telling people about God then I can make the world a better place.