

St. Paul Miki and Companions

Name _____

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Missionaries in Japan

St. Paul Miki was a Japanese Jesuit brother and a wonderful preacher. Many who listened to Paul and his fellow missionaries learned to love Jesus with all their hearts. More and more people began to follow what Paul and his companions taught them about Jesus. But the Japanese ruler of that time didn't want the people to worship Jesus. So he

condemned Paul, nine other priests, and seventeen laypeople to die on crosses. Paul Miki forgave those who killed him, as Jesus had done. But even after they were crucified, their work did not die. Many who believed in Jesus through their teachings worshiped Jesus secretly for many, many years.

Using the words in the Word List below, fill in the blanks.

1. Paul Miki was a _____.
2. He talked about Jesus to the people of _____.
3. The leaders of the country did not want the people to worship _____.
4. Paul Miki and the others were _____.
5. Christians in Japan continued to _____ Jesus in secret.
6. Paul Miki teaches us how to _____.

Word List

crucified Jesus Japan preacher forgive worship

Has anyone done something to you that really made you sad? Will you try to forgive that person in your heart?