

(FK 2.3): **Thomas the Kind Monk**



Once, there was a monk named Thomas. Thomas lived in a small **monastery**. The **monastery** was on a hill. It was a peaceful place. Thomas liked to wake up early. He would watch the sunrise. The sky turned pink and orange. It was very beautiful.

Thomas had many jobs at the **monastery**. He helped cook food. He cleaned the floors. He took care of the garden. Thomas loved the garden. He grew vegetables and flowers. The garden was full of colors. Bees and butterflies visited the flowers.



Thomas also liked to read. He read many books. He learned about plants and animals. He learned about faraway places. Thomas shared what he learned with the other monks. They liked to listen to his stories.

Every day, Thomas prayed. He prayed for his friends and family. He prayed for people who were sick. He prayed for peace in the world. Thomas felt happy when he prayed.

One day, Thomas found a little bird. The bird was hurt. Thomas took care of the bird. He fed it and kept it warm. Slowly, the bird got better. Thomas was glad to help the bird. He loved all living things.



Thomas was a kind monk. He worked hard and helped others. He loved the **monastery** and his friends. Thomas felt thankful for each day. He knew that kindness and love were important. Thomas was happy being a monk.

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Comprehension Questions:

1. Where did Thomas live, and what was special about the location of the monastery?
2. What did Thomas enjoy doing early in the morning, and what did he see?
3. List some of the jobs Thomas had at the monastery. Which one did he love the most?
4. How did Thomas help the little bird, and what was the result?
5. Why was Thomas happy being a monk, and what did he believe was important?

(FK 2.7): **Bede the Monk: A Writer of History**



Bede was a monk who lived a long time ago. He lived in a big, quiet **monastery** in England. Bede loved to read books and learn new things. He spent a lot of time writing. Bede wrote about the history of England. He wrote about kings and queens. He wrote about battles and brave knights. He also wrote about churches and holy places.



Bede was very smart. He knew many things about England's past. People liked to read his books. They learned a lot from him. Bede's books helped people know what happened long ago. He wrote in a way that was easy to understand.

Bede was a good monk. He prayed every day and worked hard. He loved God and wanted to help others learn. His books are still read today. People remember Bede as a great writer and teacher. He helped many people learn about history. Bede's work is important, and he is remembered as a wise and kind man.

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Comprehension Questions:

1. Where did Bede live, and what was the monastery like?
2. What subjects did Bede write about in his books?
3. Why did people like to read Bede's books, and what did they learn from them?
4. How did Bede's writing style help people understand history?
5. What qualities made Bede a good monk, and how is he remembered today?