

1 Today is the feastday of Saint John Bosco, who was born in Turin, northern Italy. Of a very poor family himself, he knew what poor and unemployed people were going through. Some 400 boys (many of them orphans and street children) gathered round Father John Bosco, and he begged money to educate them and give them somewhere to live. So that the boys could get a job, he set up workshops. Some were then able to become apprentices in making shoes and clothes, and others gained work experience with a printing press that John had set-up.

2 He learned acrobatics and magic tricks which appealed to the boys. He accompanied groups of young people on country walks, picnics and games, and he ended everything with prayer.

3 John Bosco said:

*“Young people should not only be loved  
but they must know  
that they are loved.”*

4 *Let us pray:*

**Lord, show me how to live today  
with genuine concern for others.**

**In expressing my care,  
may I show people  
that they are valued,  
loved and appreciated  
for who they are.**

**Amen.**

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