

# DO YOU KNOW WHO WAS SAINT VALENTINE?



Saint Valentine's Day is one of the most popular holidays in many countries.

It is celebrated on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

There are some stories about St. Valentine. The most famous and romantic story says that Valentine was a bishop that lived near Rome in 270 A.D.

At that time, the Roman emperor, Claudius, wanted all the young Roman men to be soldiers, but not husbands.

A lot of young men and women do not like this, so bishop Valentine helped them to get married in secret.

When Claudius heard about it, he was very angry.

The emperor put Valentine in prison and said he must die on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

A young woman came to visit Valentine in prison every day. She was very kind with Valentine, because she loved him and gave him food, clothing and books.

On February 14<sup>th</sup>, before he died, Valentine wrote a letter to the girl. He signed this letter "*From Your Valentine*".

That's why, even today, to show our love, we send Valentine cards on February 14<sup>th</sup>, or give roses and sweets to friend or loved one.



## Read and write T (true) or F (false)

- 1) Saint Valentine was a Roman emperor.
- 2) He lived near Rome in 2700 A.D.
- 3) Claudius wanted all young Roman men to be husbands.
- 4) Claudius put bishop Valentine in prison.
- 5) A young woman came to visit Valentine every day.
- 6) Valentine's letter said he didn't like her.
- 7) Claudius is the patron saint of love.

