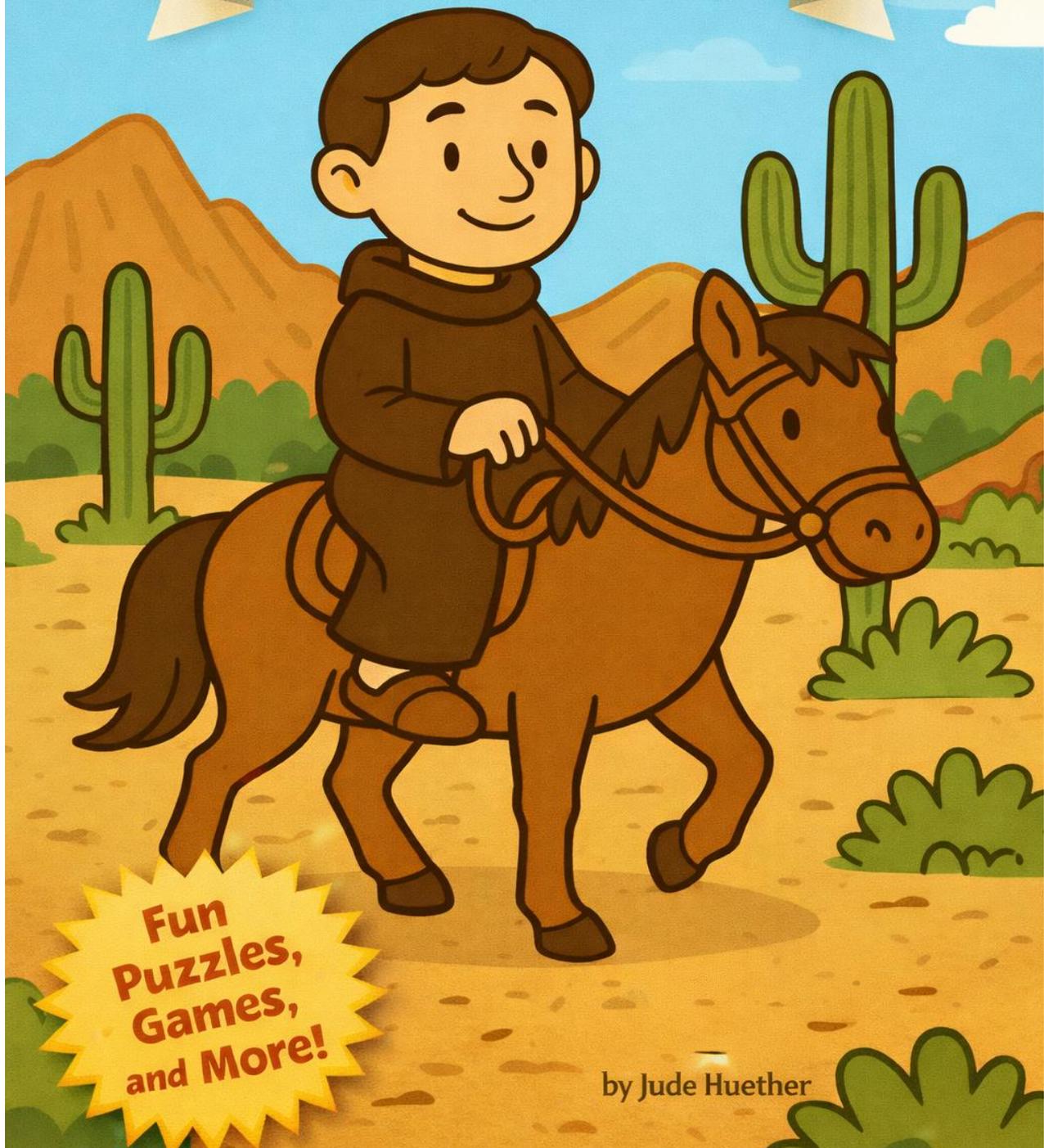


# Father Kino

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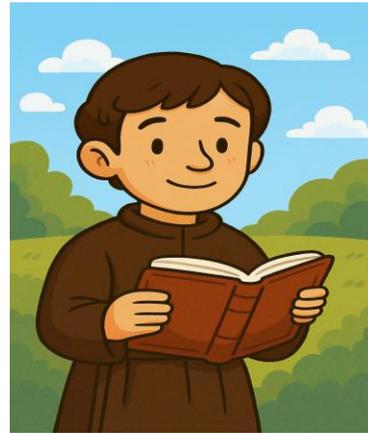
**Fun  
Puzzles,  
Games,  
and More!**

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# The Life and Adventures of Father Eusebio Francisco Kino

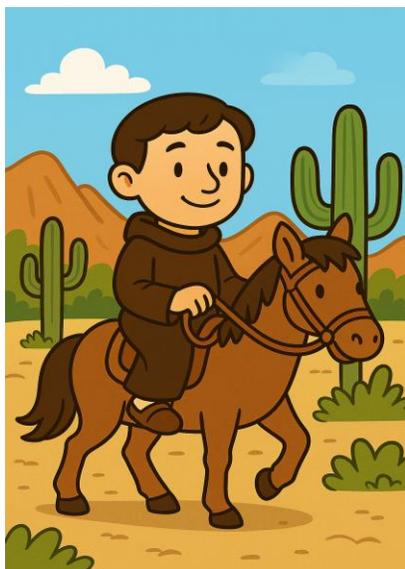
## A Boy with Big Dreams

Long ago, in 1645, a baby named Eusebio Francisco Kino was born in Italy. He loved learning about stars, maps, and how the world worked. When he grew up, he became a priest, someone who helps and teaches others. Father Kino dreamed of traveling to faraway places to help people and explore new lands.



## Across the Ocean

Father Kino sailed across the ocean to a place called New Spain (today it's Mexico). The trip took months, and the ocean was wild and stormy. But Kino never gave up. He was excited to bring kindness, knowledge, and hope to new communities.



## Riding into the Desert

Father Kino climbed onto his horse and rode north into the hot desert. The land was full of tall cacti, rocky mountains, and wide-open skies. He met the O'odham people who lived there and quickly became their friend. They taught him about the desert, and he helped them learn how to grow crops and take care of animals like cattle and sheep.

## Building Missions

Kino helped build many missions—churches and villages where people could live, work, and pray together. One of his most famous missions is San Xavier del Bac, near Tucson, Arizona. It's called "The White Dove of the Desert" because it shines bright in the sun. The missions helped create peaceful communities where people shared food, ideas, and friendship.



## Explorer and Map Maker



Father Kino wasn't just a priest—he was also an explorer and scientist. He made the first accurate maps of the desert lands between Mexico and Arizona. He even proved that Baja California was not an island, but part of the mainland. His maps helped travelers find their way for many years after he was gone.

## A Legacy of Kindness

For more than 20 years, Father Kino rode thousands of miles through the desert. He never stopped caring for the people he met. When he died in 1711, the O'odham and others mourned the loss of their great friend. Today, people remember Father Kino as a man of faith, science, and compassion. Statues of him stand in Arizona and Mexico, and his story still inspires those who believe one person can make a big difference.



## Father Kino Word Search

Father Eusebio Francisco Kino was a priest, explorer, and mapmaker who lived over 300 years ago. He traveled across what is now Arizona and Mexico, building missions and mapping the desert. Use this word search to learn more about Father Kino!

Find the following 20 words hidden forward, backward, up, down, and diagonal:

Kino, Eusebio, Francisco, Priest, Mission, Explorer, Scientist, Mapmaker, Sonoran, Desert, Tucson, SanXavier, Mexico, Italy, Horse, Oodham, Cattle, Faith, Kindness, Legacy

T H I P O Q A T M A F A I T H  
S E U L E G A C Y T R N A R F  
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This bronze statue of Father Kino by sculptor Julian Martinez is in Tucson at 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Kino Parkway. There are two other statues exactly like this one in Italy (where he was born) and Mexico (where he also explored and lived).

**COLOR THE STATUE OF FATHER KINO**



The Tohono O'odham "Man in the Maze" is a symbol that represents the journey of life. The twists and turns stand for our experiences and choices along the way.

**Help the Man find his dreams and goals**



Father Eusebio Francisco Kino was a *cartographer*. A cartographer is a person who makes maps.

They study places like mountains, rivers, roads, and cities, then draw pictures that show where everything is. Their maps help people know where to go and how to find things.

## CRACK THE CODE

A - 10	F - 15	K - 20	P - 25	U - 4	Z - 9
B - 11	G - 16	L - 21	Q - 26	V - 5	
C - 12	H - 17	M - 22	R - 1	W - 6	
D - 13	I - 18	N - 23	S - 2	X - 7	
E - 14	J - 19	O - 24	T - 3	U - 8	

What is a long flow of water that moves across the land to a lake or the ocean?

1 18 5 14 1  
— — — — —

What is a small tool that shows you which way is north, south, east, and west?

12 24 22 25 10 2 2  
— — — — — — —

What tool would you use if you wanted to see a mountain that was far away?

3 14 21 14 2 12 24 25 14  
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# Father Kino Matching Activity

Draw a line from each word to the correct picture



Along with sheep, Father Kino gave these to the O'odham



Father Kino made this to show the land



Father Kino taught and prayed at this place



Father Kino taught the O'odham how to grow this



Father Kino rode this on his long trips

## Father Kino True or False Quiz

1. Father Kino was born in Russia before he came to Arizona. **True / False**
2. Father Kino only stayed inside and never traveled. **True / False**
3. Father Kino taught people how to farm and raise animals. **True / False**
4. Father Kino made maps to show what the land looked like. **True / False**
5. Father Kino was friends with the O'odham people. **True / False**
6. Father Kino was a soldier who fought in battles. **True / False**
7. Father Kino proved that California was really an island. **True / False**
8. Father Kino started missions that later became towns. **True / False**
9. Father Kino was mean to the people he met. **True / False**
10. Father Kino rode his horse for many miles to help others. **True / False**

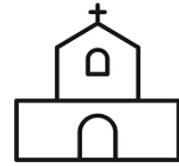


Father Kino on Horseback  
Artist Ettore "Ted" DeGrazia

Father Kino was an amazing horseman. When Kino went on missionary tours, he would average 30 miles a day for many weeks with stops to preach, baptize, and give instructions for building and planting.

Father Kino helped establish over 20 missions in Arizona in the late 1600s

**CONNECT THE DOTS AND COLOR THE HIDDEN PICTURE**

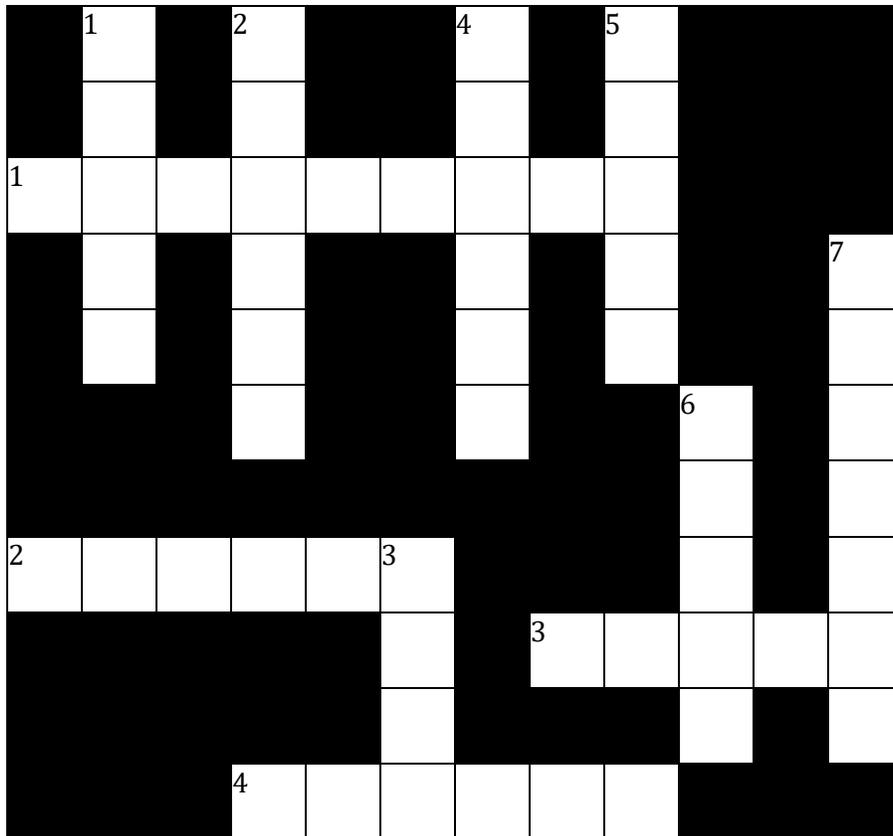


Father  
Eusebio  
Kino



## Father Kino Crossword Puzzle

Use the clues below to fill in the crossword about Father Eusebio Francisco Kino. The answers come from his life story and the words you learned in the word search!



### Across

1. Famous white mission near Tucson (9 letters)
2. People who lived in the desert and became Kino's friends (6 letters)
3. The language he spoke growing up (5 letters)
4. Large dry region where Kino traveled (6 letters)

### Down

1. Country where Father Kino was born (5 letters)
2. Country where he worked for many years (6 letters)
3. He made these diagrams to show the features of the land (4 letters)
4. Kino's profession: he taught people about God (6 letters)
5. The animal Kino often rode on his travels (5 letters)
6. Another word for Kino's trust or belief in God (5 letters)
7. The state where San Xavier Mission stands (7 letters)

### Answer Key

Across: 1. San Xavier; 2. O'odham; 3. Latin; 4. Desert

Down: 1. Italy; 2. Mexico; 3. Maps; 4. Priest; 5. Horse; 6. Faith; 7. Arizona