

Kindergarten: Lesson 15

Mary, the Mother of God

Lesson Objective:

This lesson allows children to experience liturgical activities in the Church. The lesson may be geared toward the current season in the liturgical year, a sacramental celebration, or a particular devotion. It is important to remind children that all liturgical activities aim to strengthen their friendship with Jesus.

Learning Outcomes:

- Students will be introduced to the Rosary and why and how we pray it.

Materials Needed:

- Prayer space items, Bible, pencils, crayons, one rosary per child, if possible,
- Copies: The Story of Mary, Coloring Pages, the Blessed Mother and Rosary printable sheets

As Students Enter Class:

- Consider having a coloring sheet ready for students as they wait for others to arrive and for class to begin.
- [Blessed Mother Coloring Sheet](#) from [Catholickid.com](#).

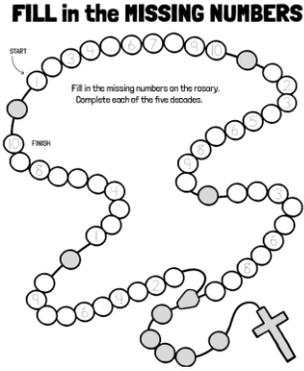


Beginning of Class:

- Invite students to your prayer space and echo pray The Hail Mary.
- Ask students what they know about Mary, our Blessed Mother.

Lesson Order	Implementation Ideas
Lesson 15 Video	<p>This video is 1:53 in length.</p> <p>Highlights: At our last session we talked about showing respect when we are at Church and we learned the items used in Mass and their names.</p> <p>Today, we will talk about something called a devotion. A devotion is meant to strengthen your friendship and relationship with Jesus. You may remember our past lesson about saints and how they can pray to God on your behalf as intercessors. Mary, the Mother of Jesus is also an intercessor of our prayers.</p> <p>We will learn about a special devotional prayer called the rosary. The rosary is a prayer to God through the intercession of Mary. Did you know that Mary is the Queen of Heaven? We show honor to Mary when we lovingly call her our Lady or the Blessed Mother.</p> <p>Jesus loves his mother, Mary, and listens to her requests on our behalf. So, when you pray to Mary, you can be assured she will take your prayers to Jesus!</p> <p>Praying the rosary helps us to meditate on the life of Christ. The mysteries of the rosary are events in the life of Jesus.</p>
Learn About the Rosary	<p>This video is 7:02 in length. You may want to stop it at 3:52 into the video, since the remaining material is above the kindergarten age level.</p> <p>Highlights:</p> <p>Why do we pray the rosary?</p> <p>The Mother of Jesus, Our Lady, encourages us to pray it daily. Mary has appeared to different people throughout the world at different times.</p>

	<p>The first apparition occurred when Our Lady appeared to St. Dominic and presented him with the rosary and the beads and prayers that go with it.</p> <p>In 1916 Mary appeared to three children in Fatima, Portugal. She encouraged the world to pray the rosary daily to bring peace and end the war.</p> <p>Intercession: Mary will bring our prayers to Jesus.</p> <p>What is the rosary and how do we pray it?</p> <p>The word rosary comes from the Latin word, rosaria, which means garland of roses. The rosary is a beautiful way to honor our Heavenly Mother and it draws us closer to her son, Jesus.</p> <p>The rosary has five sets of 10 Hail Marys, called decades. Each decade starts with one Our Father and finishes with one Glory Be and the Fatima Prayer.</p> <p>As we pray each decade, we focus on events in the lives of Jesus and Mary, called mysteries. There are three traditional sets of the five mysteries.</p> <p>JOYFUL – Prayed on Monday and Thursday SORROWFUL – Prayed on Tuesday and Friday GLORIOUS – Prayed on Wednesday and Saturday.</p> <p>STOP AND REFLECT – Provide some prompts that will encourage students to share what they just heard and/or to ask questions.</p>
<p>Introduction to Praying the Rosary</p>	<p>This video is .19 in length. Carla encourages the children to join in praying the rosary in the next video. They can use a rosary to follow along. If that is not available, they can use their ten fingers 😊</p>

<p>Meditation: The Joyful Mysteries</p> <p>Another idea is to use the rosary page linked below and have students follow along on the paper.</p>	<p>This video is 18:26 in length. It prays an entire Rosary.</p> <p>If your students are not able to focus for this length of time, please use your discretion as to how much of the rosary you will pray with them.</p> <p>Note that the narrators voice is very calm and soothing and the religious pictures will help keep students' attention.</p> <p>The Rosary fill in the missing numbers</p> 
<p>The Story of Mary Coloring Pages</p>	<p>Consider reading the story out loud to the children, as they color the pages. Since you know your students best, please judge the amount of listening they are able to do. Another way to implement is for you to read one page at a time, then let them color and continue with that process.</p>
<p>Closing Prayer</p>	<p>Gather around the prayer pace and echo pray the Hail Mary.</p>