

Third Grade: Lesson 11

How We Honor the Virgin Mary

Lesson Objective:

The Apostles' Creed continues by saying that Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary. These outcomes explain the Church's teachings on Mary and ways that we honor her through prayer and devotions.

Learning Outcomes: Students will ...

- Identify Mary as Mother of God and Mother of the Church (CCC 963).
- List and explain the important events in the life of Mary (Luke 1:26-56; Luke 2; John 2:1-11; John 19:25-29).
- Memorize the Hail Holy Queen.
- Participate in traditional Marian devotions, e.g., May Crowning.

Materials Needed:

- Prayer space items, Bibles, pencils, crayons,
- Copies needed: How to Pray the Rosary, Mary, the Mother of God Art Response

As Students Enter Class:

- Consider having a coloring sheet with Mary available for students to color as they wait for class to begin.
- [Mary Coloring Sheet](#)



Beginning of Class:

- Gather around your prayer space and pray the Hail Mary.

Lesson Order	Implementation Ideas
<p data-bbox="203 237 467 268">Lesson 11 Video</p> <p data-bbox="203 352 669 579">Before starting the lesson, ask students to share what they know about Mary. This will encourage prior knowledge and set the stage for today's lesson.</p> <p data-bbox="203 1514 665 1814">Luke, Ch. 2 is very long. Depending on your comfort level, you may want to play some of the video, and paraphrase other sections in chapter 2. This will help students remain more focused.</p>	<p data-bbox="695 237 1175 268">This video is 14:18 in Length.</p> <p data-bbox="695 315 870 346">Highlights:</p> <p data-bbox="695 392 1344 464">Last session, we learned about the Holy Trinity and the Sign of the Cross Prayer.</p> <p data-bbox="695 510 1328 581">What do you remember about the Holy Trinity?</p> <p data-bbox="695 627 1240 659">Hold a brief discussion about this.</p> <p data-bbox="695 705 1393 810">Today we are going to focus on Mary. Mary is the Mother of Jesus, the Mother of God, and the Mother of the Catholic Church.</p> <p data-bbox="695 856 1406 968">Catholics have special devotions to Mary, called Marian Devotions. Mary is filled with grace and she wants to fill her grace in you.</p> <p data-bbox="695 1014 1398 1161">There are four places in the Bible where we learn more about Mary. Carla reads from the Bible and beautiful pictures accompany the readings.</p> <ol data-bbox="748 1207 1406 1854" style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Luke 1:26-56 – The Annunciation, Mary Visits Elizabeth 2) Luke Chapter 2 – The Birth of Jesus, The Visit of the Shepherds, The Circumcision and Naming of Jesus, The Presentation in the Temple, The Return to Nazareth, The Boy Jesus in the Temple 3) John 2: 1-11 – The Wedding Feast at Cana 4) John 19: 25-29 – End of the crucifixion, right before Jesus dies. Jesus makes Mary the Mother of all of us.

<p>Scripture Reflection in Song</p>	<p>This video is 3:59. This is a beautiful song with images. The words of the song also appear on the screen.</p> <p>Discussion: Provide time for students to share what they learned or liked in the video. What connections did they make between hearing the word of God read to them and then seeing the images in the video?</p>
<p>Who Is Mary</p>	<p>This video is 4:00 in length. It is animated and I believe you have seen videos from this provider before.</p> <p>Highlights: 2000 years ago Mary gave birth to Jesus. Mary was always there and her life revolved around Jesus. This video connects the 4 Marian Dogmas and what they have to do with Jesus.</p> <p>There are 4 Marian Teachings of the Church, known as 4 Marian Dogmas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Mary is the Mother of God. Who is Jesus? Not merely man, but he second person of the Holy Trinity who assumed our human nature. Jesus is true God and true man, therefore, Mary is called the Mother of God. 2) Mary is a perpetual virgin. Jesus' birth is miraculous. He was placed into Mary of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, Jesus' birth is Divine. 3) Immaculate Conception – Mary was preserved from all sin, including original sin, from the moment of HER conception. Mary is filled with grace and always was. This has to be the case, in order for Jesus to be born.

	<p>4) Mary's Assumption into Heaven – Mary was assumed into Heaven, body and soul, and was not buried like the rest of us.</p>
Images of Mary	<p>This video is 3:20. It contains beautiful images of Mary and explains what each one means. The words appear, but there is not a narrator.</p> <p>Depending on the interest level of your children, you may want to show a few images but not all. If your students are engaged, then show the entire video.</p> <p>Provide time for students to share their thoughts or their favorite images.</p>
A May Crowning	<p>This video is .58. It is narrated by children and your students should be engaged and interested in this.</p> <p>Hold a discussion afterward, asking students why do they think we have a May Crowning for Mary?</p>
The Litany of the Blessed Virgin	<p>This video is 5:10.</p> <p>Since this is long, and this lesson also has a lot of content, you may want to skip this video.</p>
The Angelus Prayer	<p>This video is 2:32 in length.</p> <p>The Angelus is typically prayed at noon each day.</p> <p>This prayer has a nice background as you pray the Angelus.</p>
The Angelus Prayer in Latin	Video is unavailable. Please skip this one.
Magnificat Mediation	<p>This video is 4:15 in length and is sung in Latin and English. It is beautiful. Third graders may not appreciate this video, as much as adults would.</p>
History of the Rosary	<p>This video is 2:05 in length and is narrated by a priest.</p>

	It gives the history of how the Rosary came to be and how Mary appeared to St. Dominic.
Lesson 11, Part 2	This video is 1:39 in length. Carla reviews that Mary is the Queen of Heaven. We honor Mary and celebrate the events of her life. Praying to Mary is like asking a best friend to pray for you. Mary takes your prayers to Jesus on your behalf. One of the best ways to pray to Mary is through the Rosary. In the next part you will learn how to pray the Rosary.
Ava Maria by Schubert	This beautiful song is sung by Pavarotti and 3:33 in length. Since this is a long lesson, you may want to play a small section of the video, to expose children to this beautiful song, honoring Mary.
How to Pray the Rosary Video Support	Give each student a copy of How to Pray the Rosary. If you would like some support, you can play this video. It is very long, 23:00 in length. Perhaps you can play it to get started and then, depending on how much time you have left in class, continue on your own, as a group.
Mary, the Mother of God Art Response	Students are to draw a picture that shows Mary as the Mother of God.
Closing Prayer	Model a prayer of thanksgiving to Mary, thanking her for being our spiritual Mother and for taking our prayers to Jesus.