

Third Grade: Lesson 14

DIFFERENT WAYS TO PRAY

Lesson Objective:

The memorization of the Apostles' Creed in the previous lesson is a perfect springboard to learn and study the Rosary. This lesson is dedicated to learning how to pray the Rosary and the meaning and purpose of the mysteries. Children should be led to understand that meditating upon the mysteries while praying the Rosary is a way to help them to grow in their friendship with Jesus.

Learning Outcomes: Students will ...

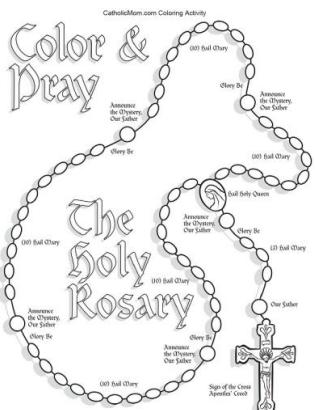
- Distinguish between memorized prayers and spontaneous prayer.
- Recite the Rosary.
- Compose an original prayer.
- Participate in recited prayers learned in previous grades, and continue to learn new recited prayers appropriate to age, and be introduced to prayers that will be recited in later grades.
- Create a plan of daily personal prayer.

Materials Needed:

- Prayer space items, rosary, pencils, crayons
- Copies: Rosary Coloring Page (optional), Memorized Prayers handout, Create Your Own Prayer, Rosary Handout

As Students Enter Class:

- Consider having a coloring activity ready, such as the [Holy Rosary Coloring Page](#).



Lesson Order	Implementation Ideas
Lesson 14 Video	<p>This video is 1:06 in length.</p> <p>Highlights: In previous lessons, we learned the Apostles Creed. The Apostles Creed is also a prayer in the Rosary. When we pray the Rosary, we meditate on the mysteries of the life of Christ. Everything about Mary points and leads us to Jesus. When we pray with Mary's intercession, it's like taking the fast track to Jesus.</p> <p>Analogy: Carla makes an analogy of a baby crawling and how she will eventually reach where she wants to go. However, when someone carries her, she will get there quickly. Praying to Mary is just like that. She will take our prayers to Jesus quickly!</p>
Mary in 2 Minutes	<p>This video is 2:43 in length. The words appear on the screen, along with illustrations; however, it is not narrated.</p> <p>You may want to read it for your students as it appears or have them read it to themselves, perhaps stopping at certain points you want to emphasize.</p> <p>Highlights: Remember: We do not worship Mary, we pray to her to intercede on our behalf to her son, Jesus.</p> <p>In order to help you facilitate the points of this video; the following are screen snips taken from the video.</p>

**Mary was
a Jewish girl
chosen by God
to be the mother of Jesus**



**and since Jesus is one
with God the Father
this also makes Mary
the mother of God**

Mary was told that God had a plan for her at the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel came from heaven and told Mary she is to be the mother of God. Mary, of course, said Yes to God.

Mary conceived Jesus not by a man, but through the Holy Spirit. Therefore, she remained a Virgin.

JESUS HAS A HUMAN MOTHER AND A DIVINE FATHER

Important to note: this is not the Immaculate Conception that is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Immaculate Conception means that Mary, herself, was conceived without original sin.



Jesus loved Mary so much, that at the end of her human life, He took her body and soul into Heaven, which is called the Assumption.

BUT WHY DO CATHOLICS PRAY TO MARY?

The video references how we may ask a friend to pray for us when we are sick. We pray to Mary, as our mother, to help us. Again, we don't worship Mary. WE BELIEVE SHE WILL BRING OUR NEEDS TO HER SON, JESUS. MARY INTERCEDES FOR US BECAUSE SHE LOVES US.



And for saying yes to God when she could have said no.

Mary is a role model for all of us.

DISCUSSION: Ask students to share their thoughts about the information in this video. If they are hesitant to share, ask some questions.

Do you feel that Mary, as your heavenly Mother, can help you like your mother here on Earth?

We can pray to Mary to take our needs to her son, Jesus. What is an example of what we may need to pray to Mary about?

Mary said yes to God. What could have happened if Mary said no to God?

The Rosary in 2 Minutes

This video is 2:16 in length.

Highlights: Like the video above, this is not narrated and students will need to read the slides themselves. The video explains what the Rosary is, provides a brief history of the Rosary, and then explains how to pray the Rosary.

Please decide if you feel the need to show this video. You may want to focus more time on the

	next video, which is how to pray the Rosary for beginners.
How to Pray the Rosary for Beginners	<p>This video is 3:06 in length.</p> <p>Highlights: This is also not narrated. You may want to give students a copy of the Rosary handout now, so they can follow along.</p> <p>Suggestion: You read the slides and pause where you need to. Encourage students to join in the prayers along with you.</p> <p>STOP AND REFLECT: Ask students if they have any questions or comments about the Rosary.</p> <p>If students are quiet and not participating, consider sharing your own thoughts about the Rosary. Perhaps this devotional seems long and somewhat overwhelming to the children. Share with them that the more comfortable they become with praying the Rosary, the more they will enjoy it.</p>
The Hail Holy Queen Prayer	This prayer is recited at the end of the Rosary. This video is .53 in length. The prayer is narrated and the words also appear on the screen.
Intro into the Activities	<p>Make sure you remind students that the Catholic Church has traditional Catholic prayers that we recite often and we are encouraged to memorize these prayers.</p> <p>Also remind students that we can compose our own prayers, which is known as spontaneous prayers. We often pray spontaneous prayers when we are thanking God for something or asking for something from God.</p> <p>Lastly, remind students that thanking God is very important. We all want to establish a habit of thanking God for our answered prayers and also for all the good we have in our lives.</p>

Memorized Prayers	<p>This handout can be sent home or kept in class and sent home at a later date.</p> <p>Give students a few minutes to look this pamphlet over. Then ask students to share what they notice about it.</p> <p>Possible prompts: Do you see a favorite prayer on this paper? How can you use this sheet at home?</p>
Create Your Own Prayer	<p>Think about the abilities and learning styles of your students. You could all work together and write a prayer that all of you copy down. Or, each student works individually while you and the aide circulate helping students as needed.</p> <p>If you choose the latter, then provide a few minutes for students to share their prayers.</p>
The Rosary Handout and Final Video	<p>You may have already passed out the Rosary handout.</p> <p>The final video is a Guided Prayer and Meditation, which is a nice way to end class, praying the Hail Mail, along with a few meditative prompts.</p> <p>This could also serve as your closing prayer for class.</p>