

Second Grade Lesson Plan

Lesson 4: CFF Rosary/Mary and the Rosary

Materials needed:

- “Pray the Rosary Sticker Scenes” craft (in tub)
- “Hail Mary” coloring page – 1 per child (in tub)
- Crayons (in Mouse House on shelf)

Prayer:

Lord’s Prayer/Act of Contrition

What to say and do:

- Tonight we are going to talk a little bit about the special prayer we just all prayed together. Who remembers the name? (Rosary)
- The Rosary is a beautiful collection of prayers that is the favorite of our Mother Mary.
- As we pray the Rosary, we think about all the things that happened to Jesus while He was here on earth.
- What prayer did we say the most during the Rosary? (The Hail Mary)
- We are also learning the “Hail Mary” prayer in our class so let’s look at it a little more closely so we can understand what it really says.
- The “Hail Mary” prayer recalls things that happened to Mary and asks her to pray for us.

(Have students take out their “Hail Mary” coloring page.)

† ***Hail, Mary*** – One day a young Jewish girl named Mary was visited by an angel! The angel's name was Gabriel and his first word to Mary was "hail". The word "hail" means rejoice, so Gabriel was telling Mary to rejoice! I have a happy message for you! Who knows what Gabriel's message to Mary was? (She would be the mother of the Son of God.)

† ***full of grace*** - grace is a gift from God. We all receive grace from God that helps us to be good, Christian people, but Mary was FULL of grace. God had given her so much grace that she was chosen to be the mother of His Son. That is why Gabriel called Mary, "full of grace".

† ***the Lord is with you*** – In the Bible, there are many stories about people who were chosen by God to do really hard or gigantic tasks. Often these people were afraid but God would always say, "Do not fear, I will be with you." Mary would have many troubles and hardships as the mother of Jesus but she remembered the words of the angel, "The Lord is with you."

† ***Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus*** – Before Jesus was born, Mary went to visit her cousin, Elizabeth who was also going to have a baby. When Elizabeth saw Mary, she said, "blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb!" Elizabeth knew that Mary was full of grace and blessed by God. The "fruit of your womb" is an older way of saying, "the baby inside you."

† ***Holy Mary, Mother of God*** - We call Mary "holy" and say that we believe she is the true Mother of God – our Lord, Jesus Christ.

† *Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.* – We ask our Mother Mary to pray for us during our lives and especially when we die so that we may be ready to join her and her Son, Jesus in heaven.

□ That's the "Hail Mary" prayer. It's so exciting to think that when we say the Hail Mary, we are using the exact same words the Angel Gabriel and Elizabeth used when they were actually talking to Mary. What a very special prayer the "Hail Mary" is!

- When we pray the rosary, we think about all the things that happened to Jesus during His life here on earth.
- We remember the day the angel came to Mary and told her that she would be the mother of the savior of the world.
- We remember Jesus' birth and the things that happened to the Holy Family during His childhood.
- These things are called "The Joyful Mysteries".

- We also think about all the things that Jesus did during His ministry.
- He changed water to wine, was baptized by John the Baptist and told everyone about the Kingdom of God. J
- esus also showed His disciples that He was truly God by changing His appearance and gave us His Body and Blood at the Last Supper.
- These things are called "The Luminous Mysteries".

- **Jesus died for our sins and sometimes when we pray the rosary, we think about all the things that happened to Him on that day.**
- **We are sad when we remember how He was beaten and made to wear a crown of thorns.**
- **He carried His cross and was crucified on Good Friday. We call these things “The Sorrowful Mysteries”.**

- **And last, we can remember “The Glorious Mysteries” as we pray the rosary.**
- **We think about how Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into heaven right before the disciples eyes!**
- **We remember how He brought Mary to heaven to live with Him there forever and crowned her the Queen of Heaven.**

- **Sometimes when we are praying the same prayer over and over like we do in the rosary, it can be easy to get distracted and think about other things.**
- **If we want to really PRAY the rosary, we take time to think about Jesus and Mary as we recite the prayers.**

Color the “Hail Mary” coloring page or have kids put together the “Pray the Rosary Sticker Scenes” craft.

Closing Prayer:

Hail Mary/Glory Be