

MASTERBOOK MARY, MOTHER AND BELIEVER

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Duplicate master activities help children better understand Mary- her relationship to Jesus and her importance in the Church. Through activities such as coloring, matching, mobiles, word finding, and praying children will be encouraged to follow the example of Mary in believing in Jesus and being faithful to God.



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## 1 Mary Says Yes to God

### An Angel Announces Jesus' Birth

God sent the angel Gabriel to a young woman named Mary, who lived in the town of Nazareth. Mary was engaged to Joseph, who belonged to the family of David.

The angel said to her, "Hail, Mary, you are very special to God. The Lord is with you. You are special among women."

 These words worried Mary. She wondered what they could mean.

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary. You are very special to God. You will become pregnant, have a son, and give Him the name Jesus. He will be called the Son of God."

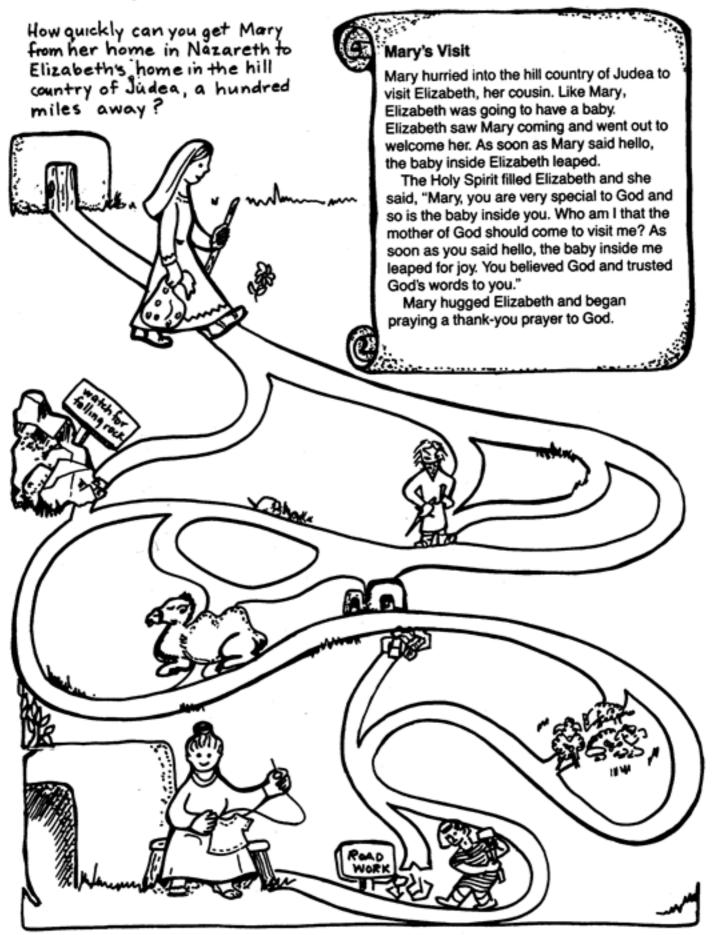
Mary said, "How can this happen? I am not yet married."

The angel said, "The Holy Spirit will come to you. The baby will be the Son of God."

Mary said, "Yes, let it happen the way you have said. I will be the mother of God's Son."

Adapted from Luke 1.26-38





## Mary Thanks God

Mary prays a thank-you prayer to God about being the mother of God's Son. Mary's prayer is like Mary's prayer below. Write your own thank-you the prayer of Hannah, who prayed especially for a son and thanked God when she became pregnant.

Read Hannah's prayer in 1 Samuel 2.1-10. Read praver.

### Mary's Thank-You

My whole self says, "God is great." How God fills me with joy!

Although I am lowly, God has noticed me. All people forever will call me blessed.

My God has done great things for me; Holy is God's name.

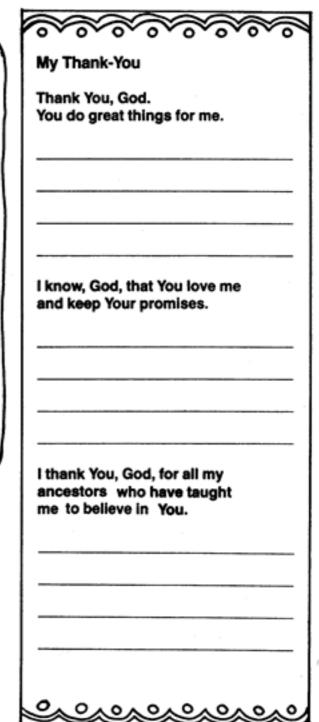
To all who fear God, God shows mercy. God humbles proud people.

The mighty are brought down; the poor God raises up.

The hungry God fills with good things; the rich are sent away with nothing.

God remembers and keeps the promise made long ago to our ancestors Abraham and Sarah and all their children. Amen.

Adapted from Luke 1, 46-55



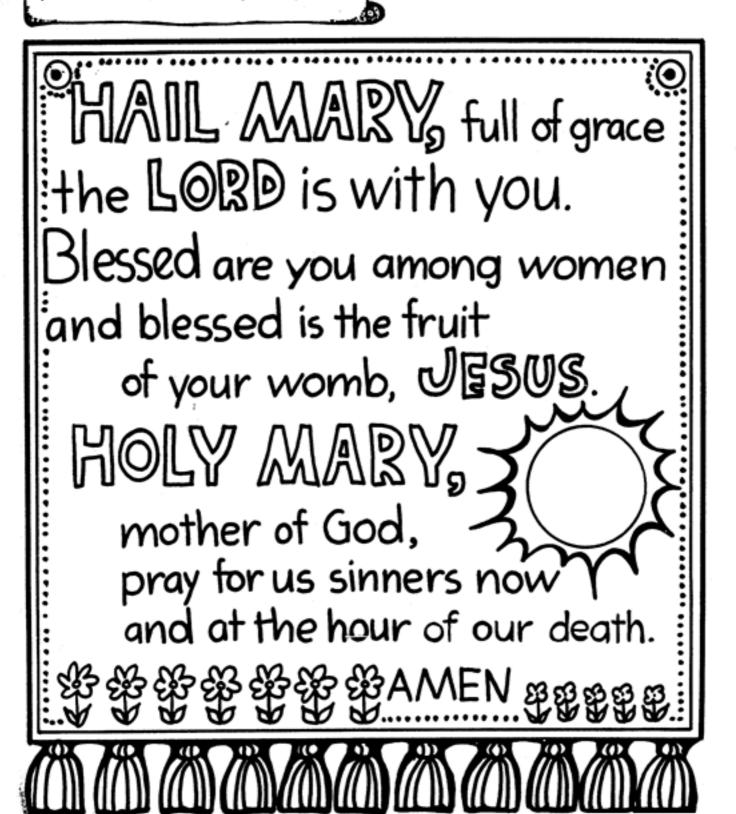


# 4 A Mary Prayer, the Hail Mary

The angel Gabriel said, "Hail, Mary, you are very special to God. The Lord is with you. You are special among women."

Mary's cousin Elizabeth said, "Mary, you are very special to God and so is the baby inside you."

Find which words in the Hail Mary prayer mean the same as the words of the angel Gabriel and the words of Elizabeth. Decorate the banner. Color it, cut it out, and keep it in your room to remind you to pray the Hail Mary often.



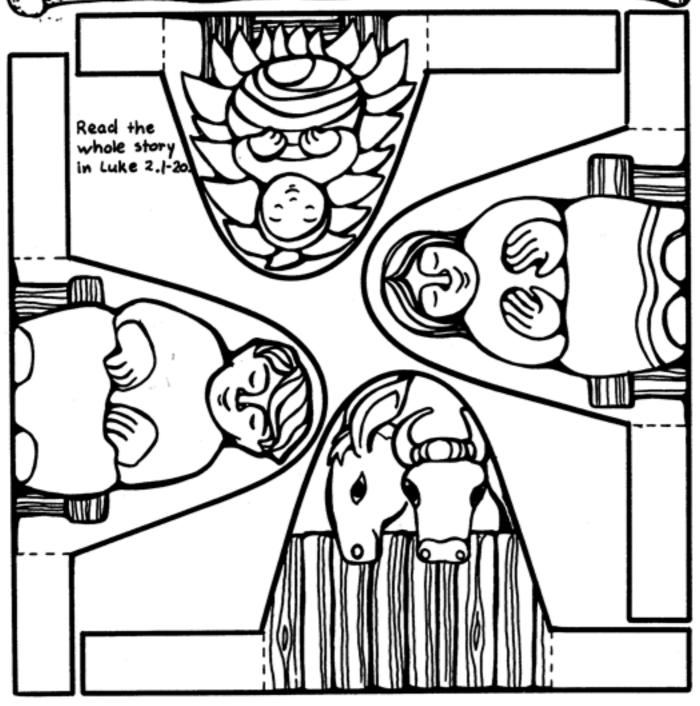
## 5 Mary Gives Birth to God's Son

#### Jesus Is Born

Joseph went from Nazareth to Bethlehem, the city of the family of David, to register for the census. Mary, his wife, who was pregnant, went with him.

While Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem, she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the place where travelers stayed.

Adapted from Luke 2.4-7



Color these figures to use in telling the story of Jesus' birth. Cut them out. Shape them into standing puppets by taping or gluing the tabs together. Remember and tell in partners what you know of the story of Jesus' birth using the puppets.

## Jesus Is Important to All People

#### The Wise Men

After Jesus birth in Bethlehem wise men from the east came to the country of Israel. The star went ahead of them to Bethlehem and stood still over the place where the child was. The wise men went into the house and

found the child with Mary, His mother. They fell down before Jesus and honored Him. They gave Him gifts, then went home another way.

Adapted from Matthew 2.1-12



tan

2 red

3 blue

4 green

5 yellow

6 gold

1 brown

These visitors from outside Israel show us Jesus was important to all people, not just to the Jews. Artists have often painted the scene of Mary presenting Jesus to the three visitors. Follow the

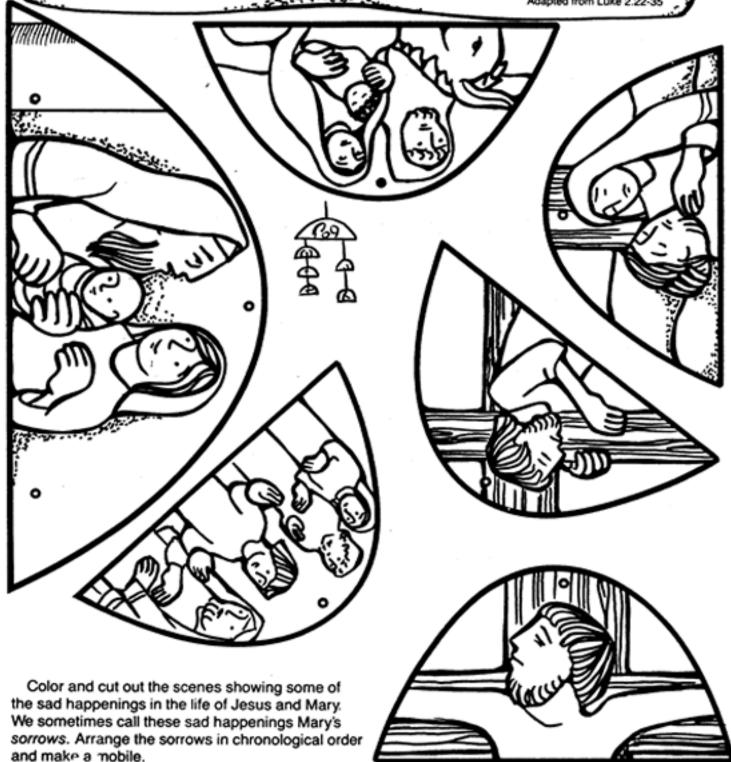
color code to finish this traditional picture of Mary and Jesus. Cut the picture out and frame it with black construction paper.

### Mary and Joseph Take Jesus to the Temple

When Jesus was still just a baby, Mary and Joseph took Him to the Temple to present Him to God. This was a religious custom for Jewish families. Mary and Joseph followed the Law of Moses and made a special gift to

God. An old man named Simeon saw Mary, Jesus, and Joseph in the Temple. Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, "This is a special child. He will upset people, and you will many times be sad because of Him."

Adapted from Luke 2.22-35



# 8 Mary and Joseph Lose Jesus in the Temple

## Jesus Stays in the Temple

Every year Mary and Joseph went to Jerusalem to celebrate the great feast of Passover. When Jesus was twelve years old, Mary and Joseph decided that He was old enough to go along. When Mary and Joseph started home, Jesus stayed in Jerusalem. They walked all day looking for Jesus among their friends and relatives on the road. When they didn't find Him, Mary and Joseph returned to the city. On the third day

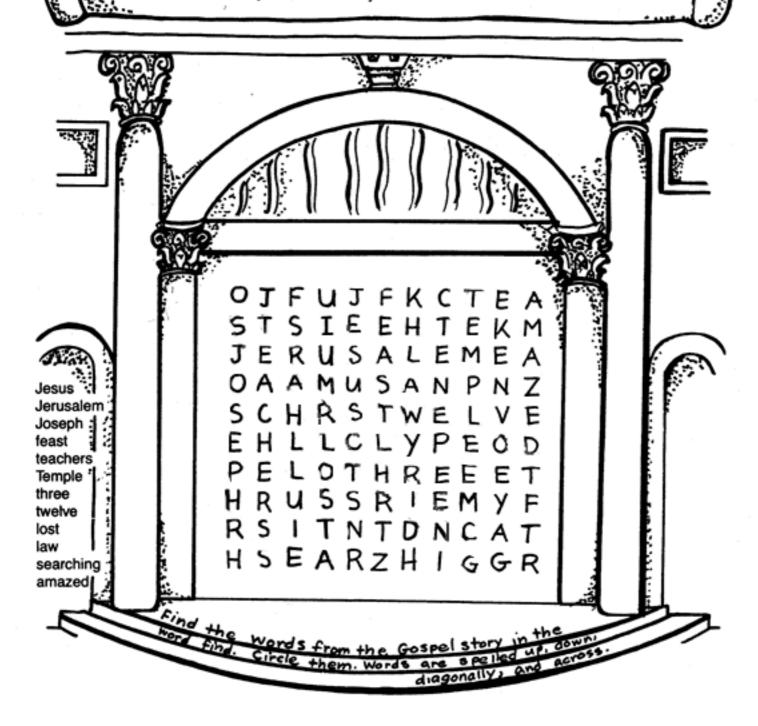
they found Him in the Temple sitting among the teachers. He was listening and asking them questions.

Mary said, "Why have You stayed here? We have looked all over for You."

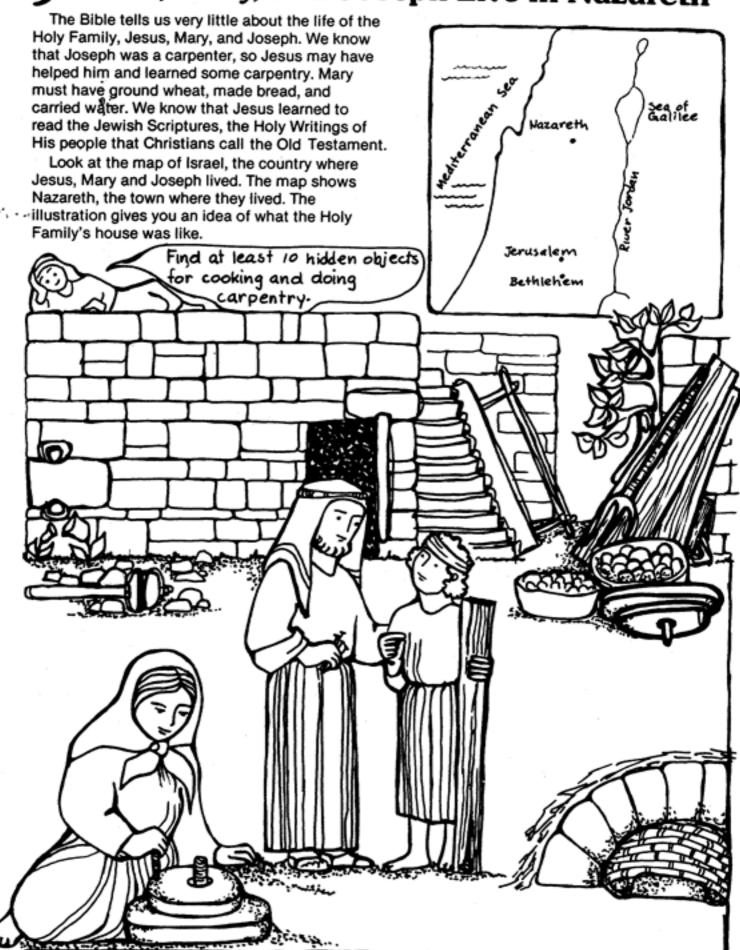
"I had to be in My Father's house," Jesus said.

Jesus went home with Mary and Joseph and grew in wisdom and grace.

Adapted from Luke 2.41-52



9 Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Live in Nazareth



# 10 Mary Sees What People Need at a Wedding

### Mary Asks Jesus to Help

One day there was a marriage in the village of Cana near Nazareth. Mary, the mother of Jesus, was there and so were Jesus and some of His followers. During the celebration Mary noticed that the wine ran out. She found Jesus and said, "They have no more wine."

Jesus said, "How does this concern Me? My time has not yet come."

Mary told the people waiting on the tables, "Do what Jesus tells you." Jesus said to them, "Fill these water jars with water." They filled the jars. Then Jesus said, "Now take them to the head waiter."

The head waiter tasted what was in the jar and said, "You have saved the best wine until now."

This was the first sign that showed who Jesus was, and His followers believed in Him.

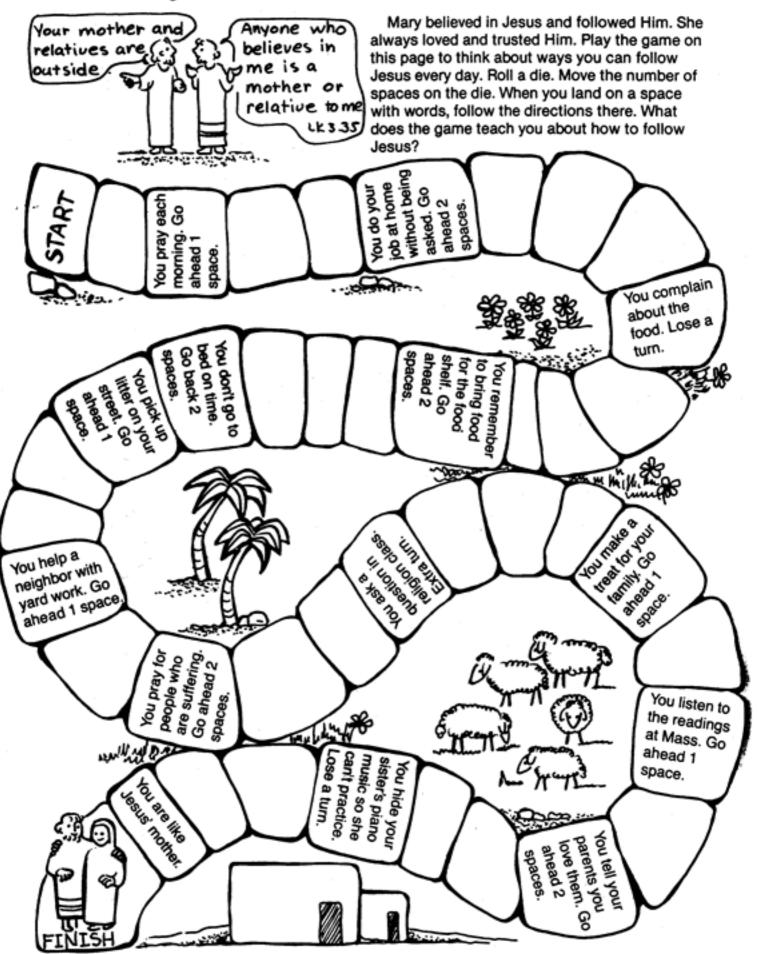
Adapted from John 2.1.12

Look at the four cartoon squares. What do you think is happening in each square? Read the Gospel story Mary Asks Jesus to Help. Fill in the empty

voice balloons in each cartoon square with the words from the Gospel story.



## 11 Mary Follows Jesus



12 Mary Stands at the Cross of Jesus Mary is with Jesus When He Dies Near Jesus on the cross stood His mother. Jesus said to John, "This is your mother." Then He said to Mary, "This is your son." His mother's sister, the wife of Clopas, From then on Mary lived in John's home. and Mary Magdalene. Jesus saw His Adapted from John 19.25-27 mother and with her His friend John. Draw a picture of someone who is with you when you are sad or hurt. Draw a picture of someone you are with when they are sad or furt. Tell someone about your picture.

# 13 Mary and Jesus' Followers Receive

the Holy Spirit

A Pentecost Choral Reading Prayer Service

Mary: Come, Holy Spirit. Fill us with love.

Narrator 1: The Apostles, the women who followed Jesus, and Mary, Jesus' mother, all prayed together as one.

All: Come, Holy Spirit. Fill us with love.

Narrator 2: A sound like a strong wind filled the room where they were sitting. Flames like fire rested upon each one.

All: Come, Holy Spirit. Set our hearts on fire.

Narrator 3: Peter stood up, full of the Spirit, to talk to the people in Jerusalem, people from every nation.

Women: Come, Holy Spirit. Teach us words in every language.

Peter: Jesus was crucified and died. God has raised Him up. We are the witnesses.

All: Come, Holy Spirit. We are the witnesses. Complete the sentences at the end of the prayer service. Pray the prayer service together.

Peter: Jesus sits at the Father's right hand. He has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us.

Apostles: Yes, Jesus is the Lord.

Women: Yes, Jesus is the Messiah.

Mary: Yes, Jesus is the One long promised by God.

All: Come, Holy Spirit. Where people are sad, give them

Apostles: Where people are worried, give them Women: Where people are in danger. give them \_ Peter: Where people have given up, give them . Mary: Where people are unwanted, give them \_

All: Come, Holy Spirit. Fill us with love. Amen.



## 14 Mary Is the Mother of the Church, the First to Believe in Her Son

Mary was Jesus' mother. She took care of Him the way mothers do. She knew that Jesus had to grow up and go away. Sometimes she came to hear mother of His brothers and sisters in God's family-Jesus teach and she was with Him when He died.

After Jesus' died, rose again, and went back to His Father, Mary stayed with John and Jesus' other followers. They depended on her as Jesus had done. She was probably with them on Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came to give them the strength to spread the Good News of Jesus' resurrection.

Because Mary was Jesus' mother, she is also the all of us in the Church.

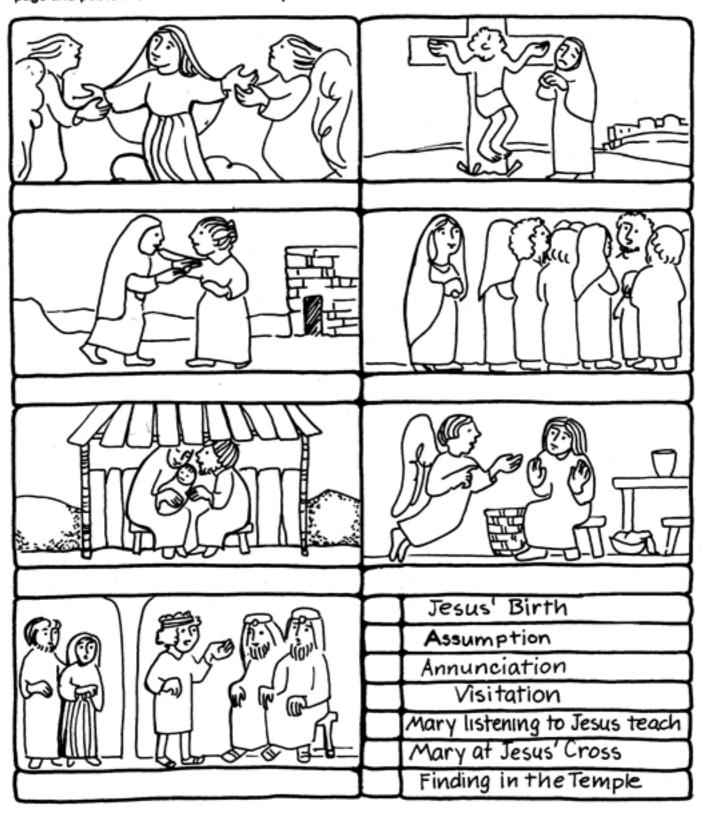
Look at the illustration. In what ways is the mother caring for her family? Circle each way you find. Write ways we show that we believe Mary is mother of the Church and cares for us.

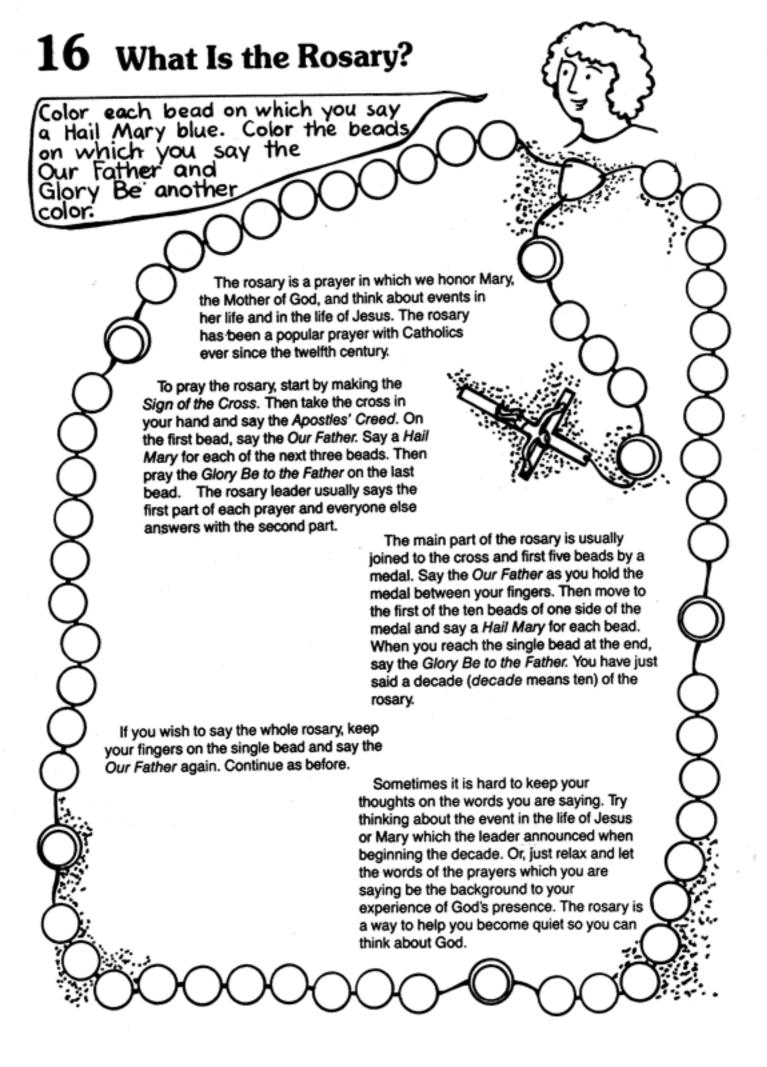


# 15 From Beginning to End, God Filled Mary with Grace

Mary was filled with God's blessings from the very moment she was conceived in her mother. This page illustrates important events in Mary's life. Cut out the title strips at the bottom of the page and paste them under the correct pictures.

Color and cut out the pictures and arrange them in chronological order. Then number them and paste them on another sheet of paper to make a poster.





# 17 The Mysteries of the Rosary

When people pray the rosary together, the leader usually announces an event in Jesus' or Mary's life before beginning each decade. We call these fifteen events which go with the rosary the mysteries of the rosary. Mystery means a truth that God reveals to us but we cannot understand completely. For instance, the fact that Jesus is both God and human is a mystery.

When the rosary first started in the Middle Ages people called it Mary's Psalter because the one hundred and fifty Hail Marys in the fifteen decades of the rosary is the same as the number of psalms in the Bible. Most people did not learn to read in those days so praying the rosary was a way for them to be reminded about the important events of Jesus' life and to think about them prayerfully.

Create a symbol or symbols for each set of mysteries of the rosary.

Draw them on this page or make a separate poster.

### **Joyful Mysteries**

- Mary finds out she is going to be God's mother (The Annunc\_\_ation)
- 2. Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth (The Vi\_itation)
- 3. Jesus is born in a stable (The Nat\_vity)
- 4.Mary and Joseph take Jesus to the Temple 9
  (The Present\_tion)
- 5. Mary and Joseph find Jesus after He stays behind in the Temple

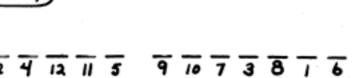
## Sorrowful Mysteries

- Jesus prays to His Father before the soldiers come (The Agony in the Gar—en)
- 2. Jesus is beaten (The Sc\_urging at the Pillar)
- 3. Jesus is mocked as a king (The Crow\_ing with Thorns)
- Jesus carries His cross
- Jesus dies on the cross (The Cruc\_\_fixion)

#### Glorious Mysteries

- 1. Jesus rises from His tomb (The Resurrection)
- 2. Jesus returns to His Father (The As\_ension)
- 3. The Holy Spirit comes to Jesus' friends
- Mary is taken into heaven, body and soul (The Assu ption)
- 5. Mary is made queen of heaven and earth (The Coro a ation)

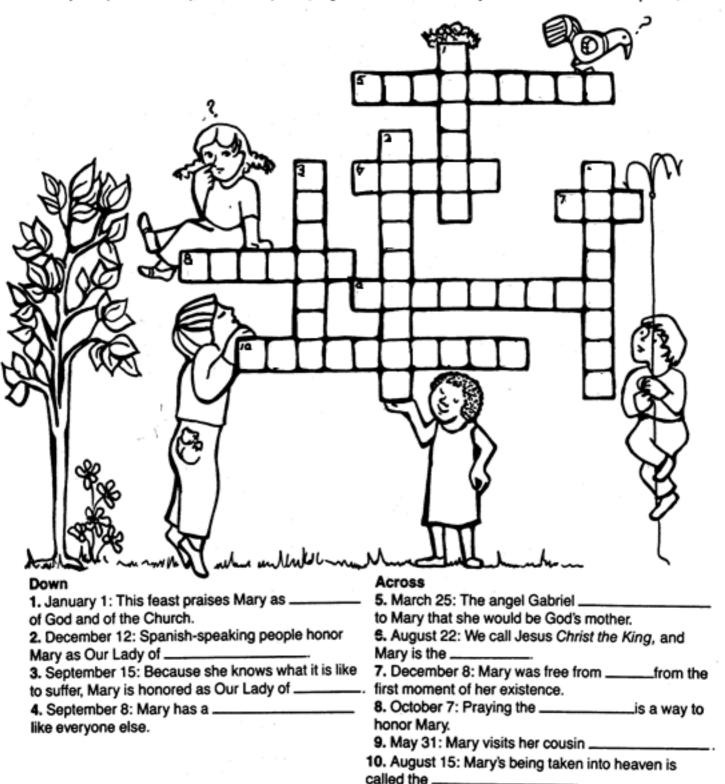
If you can finish the words in the mysteries of the rosary you will have the name of the person who helped people learn about the rosary.



# 18 What Special Days Honor Mary?

There are many feast days celebrating Mary during the Church year. Three of these are holy days of obligation, days we attend Mass as we do on Sunday. These are the Feasts of the Immaculate Conception (December 8), the Assumption (August  and the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God (January 1).

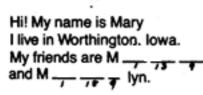
Other feast days celebrate other events of Mary's life or titles under which she is honored. Use all you know about Mary to solve this crossword puzzle.



# My Name Is Mary

Children all over the world are named Mary. Sometimes they spell and pronounce it as we do in

North America. However, there are many other ways to say and write it, too. Here are some examples.





Je m'appelle Marie. J'habite à Paris. Some of my friends are Mimi Mari.



My name is Jacques Marie. I'm named for Mary, too. My penpal in Italy is M \_\_\_\_ My Canadian friend is \_\_\_\_ les.

In England some Mary names are: May

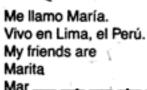
Molly Polly.

In Israel a Mary is called Miriam.



My name is Maire. I live in Dublin, Ireland. Some of my friends are Maura, Maur \_\_\_

In Scotland a nickname for Mary is Minnie.









Meine Nahme ist Maria

Draw a line from the name to the title of Mary from which the name comes.

Lupe Dolores Mercedes-Rosaria Madonna Victoria Stella

Our Lady of Victory Mary, Star of the Sea Our Lady of Guadalupe Our Lady of Sorrows Our Lady of the Rosary Mary, Mother of God Our Lady of Mercy

Use the alphabet code to finish the names that need more letters.

# **20** We Honor Mary in Our Churches

Every Catholic church has some way to honor Mary and show her importance. Look around your parish church. Find all the ways people in your parish learn about Mary's importance to Jesus and her importance to us. Be sure to look on the outside

of the church as well as the inside.

Use this page to record your findings. If your church has more ways to honor Mary than you can fit on this page, use a second sheet of paper.

