



# Mary, Mother of God

## April 27 - May 1

May is the Month of Mary. By following Mary, we can see the way to love Jesus more deeply and appreciate how much he loves us.



### Learning Targets

- ♥ Identify that Mary is the Mother of the Church.
- ♥ Describe how we honor Mary.

### Vocab

- ♥ Immaculate
- ♥ Assumption
- ♥ Blessed

### Preparation

May is traditionally a month in which Catholics honor Mary by praying the Rosary, celebrating May Crowning, or gathering for prayer and discussions about her in her honor.



### Movement – Hail Mary Hunt

The Hail Mary is a beautiful prayer. How many times do we say it when we pray the rosary? (53 times) Each time we pray a Hail Mary, we're offering a gift of love to Mary, our Queen, so that she can present it even more beautifully to Jesus. This game is a fun way to help us learn and remember the Hail Mary.

#### You'll need:

- Hail Mary Checklist (1/child) (found on Google Drive in "Hail Mary Hunt" folder)
- Hail Mary Game Posters (found on Google Drive in "Hail Mary Hunt" folder)
- 7 different colored markers

#### Set Up:

Print a Hail Mary Checklist for each child. (Or 1/team)  
Print the Hail Mary Hunt Posters and hide them in your games area.  
Place a different colored marker beside each poster.

#### Game Instructions:

1. Each player will receive a Hail Mary Checklist.
2. Hunt for all seven posters that have the parts of the Hail Mary prayer.
3. When you find a poster, check off the part of the prayer that matches the one on your checklist. Use the colored marker that you will find beside the poster and be sure to leave it there.
4. The first person to fill up their checklist with the designated colors, wins.

## Craft - Queen Mary Art Project for Kids

Create a picture of Mary for May Crowning that shows she is the “Queen of Heaven and Earth!”

### You'll need:

- White construction paper
- Yellow, Blue, Peach, and Pink paint
- Gold Glitter Glue (optional)
- Stick on Jewels (optional)



### Instructions:

1. Start by having your child stamp his/her foot, hands, and fingers. There are 12 stars fingerprints around Mary (you should Google why there are 12 stars!) 😊
2. Let the paint dry before moving on.  
Tip\* When stamping the child's hand, you might not want to paint all the way up the fingers. I didn't.
3. Paint Mary's blue veil around her face.
4. Trace around the outside of Mary's crown with gold glitter glue and add dotted jewels with red glitter glue.
5. Paint on Mary's face.
6. Decorate the stars with glitter glue. Older kids can draw asterisk shapes on top of the fingerprints with the glitter glue.



## Handouts / Resource Instructions

### ♥ CLOW-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: M is for Mary

Introduction/Discussion:

Ask: Who takes care of you by fixing your meals, helping you dress, and nursing you when you are sick? (Mother). Who may take the place of your mother in caring for you?

The Church has a mother too. Do you know who she is? (Mary)

What did Mary say when God wanted her to be the mother of Jesus? (Yes)

- Mary's yes made her the mother of Jesus and of God's family, the Church.

When did Jesus give us Mary to be our mother? (When he was dying on the cross.)

- After Jesus went to heaven, Mary stayed on Earth to take care of the Christian family.

One day Mary went to heaven to live with Jesus. He did something special for his mother. Jesus took Mary bodily to heaven since she was holy all her life, she was **Immaculate**. So, Mary was taken up, body and soul, into heaven. This is called the **Assumption**.

Mary takes care of us. She prays for us and asks Jesus to bless us. She helps us be like Jesus so that we can live forever with Him.

There are special times when Catholics honor Mary. The month of May is Mary's month.

Mary has special feast days during the year. What do you think we should do on these days? (Try and honor her in a special way.)

How can we honor Mary? (By trying to be like her; by praying to her, by singing songs to her.)

Next Sunday, our church is celebrating the Crowning of Mary. A statue of Mary will be crowned with a wreath of flowers. We call Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth. We will be able to give gifts of flowers to be laid at Mary's feet during the celebration. We will pray and sing songs as well. One special and famous song for Mary is the "Ave Maria" which means Hail Mary.

Mary likes us to ask her for help. We should pray to Mary often. What might we pray to her?

Do you know any prayers to Mary? (Hail Mary)

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.*

*Amen.*

NOTE: Praying and focusing on the Hail Mary throughout this time will allow the students to come to know Mary and her special role in God's plan as the Mother of Jesus and our Spiritual Mother. The following activity will help them to visual the words of the Hail Mary so they can better understand what the prayers says.

Use the resource for CLOW-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade to use movement to teach the Hail Mary.

Play the following YouTube video "Hail Mary (Echo Song)" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7OxeUAtiuHk>

Discussion: It is important for us to honor our mom's every chance we get. Our government thought it was important enough to give mom's their own holiday. What day is this? (Mother's Day)

Introduce story: Who will always love you? Here is a story about a mother's love for her son. Read story- "Love You Forever" by Robert Munsch. If you don't have the book, you can click this link to have it read to your child: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=70aHBZEbrxo>.

Ask the following questions after reading the story:

1. Did his mother always like his behavior? No.
2. What would she do when he was really asleep? She would pick him up and hold him. She would rock back and forth and sing that she would love him forever as long as she was living.
3. What would she do when he was all grown up? She would drive over to his house and do the same thing when he was really asleep.
4. When she was too old to do that anymore, what did her son do? He picked her up and rocked her back and forth. He sang that he would love her forever as long as he was living.
5. What did the son do when he came home after doing that to his mother? He went into his baby daughter's room when she was sleeping. He picked her up and rocked her back and forth. He then sang the same song that his mother used to sing to him.
6. Who will always love you? Your mother. Just like your mother will always love you, Mary will also always love you and wants what is best for you.

### ♥ Grades 3-5: The Rosary

Use the included Resource to help the kids make a pipe cleaner rosary. Explain to them that this is a smaller version of a rosary, as it only includes one decade of prayers. The idea is that they use it for each of the five decades.

Have them watch a video on how to pray the Rosary: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jhL2i31EF90> (start at 2:45 in the video)

They can then participate in praying a Rosary: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=liieyr68iBM>  
This video is nice because they keep track of each prayer as they say it, and also have Lego depictions of each mystery.

### ♥ Middle and High School Youth: Getting to Know Mary – Scripture Hunt

Look up the following Scripture passages listed on the Resource page in your Bible. Summarize characteristics of Mary described in each passage. What kind of person is Mary?

After finishing, young people should spend some time journaling how what they learned about Mary and how they could be more like her. What characteristics of hers do they share? What characteristics of hers do they want to challenge themselves to exhibit?

### ♥ Older Children and Adults: Mother Heart Healing Meditation with Mother Mary

First participate in this meditation: <https://www.ask-angels.com/free-angel-messages/heart-healing-meditation-with-mother-mary/>. If you scroll down, they have it recorded for you.

Then spend some time along, using the questions on the handout, examining your conscience. You may want to journal your answers.



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## CLOW – Grade 2

### M is for Mary



### *Praying the Hail Mary with Actions*

The Hail Mary is a traditional Catholic prayer asking for the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Let's learn actions to go along with the words to the Hail Mary to help us memorize the words. Praying with gestures is another form of prayer, as is singing or praying silently.

**Hail Mary,** (Lift your right hand pointing to the sky.)

**Full of grace,** (Lift your left hand pointing to the sky.)

**The Lord is with you.** (Bring your hands down folded near your heart.)

**Blessed are you among women,** (Take your right hand and sweep it across your body pointing to all the girls in the house around you.)

**And blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus.** (Pretend you are rocking a baby in your arms.)

**Holy Mary,** (Lift your right hand pointing to the sky.)

**Mother of God,** (Lift your left hand pointing to the sky.)

**Pray for us sinners,** (Bring your hands down folded near your heart.)

**Now** (Point down to the ground with both hands.)

**And at the hour of our death.** (Point to a pretend watch on your wrist.)

**Amen.** (Bring hands together folded near your heart.)





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## Grades 3-5

### The Rosary



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### *How to Make a Pipe Cleaner Rosary* (from CatholicLiving.com)

#### You'll Need:

- ♥ Pipe Cleaners
- ♥ Pony Beads
- ♥ Scissors (with parent help)



#### Instructions:

1. Start by stringing 10 beads of their choice onto a pipe cleaner.



2. Bring the pipe cleaner around in a circle and twist it shut.



3. String on one more bead for the "Our Father" over both the pieces of pipe cleaner.



4. Cut off the extra piece and twist it around to make the cross. Trim with scissors where needed.





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## Middle and High School

### Getting to Know Mary



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### Scripture Hunt

You'll Need:

- ♥ Bible
- ♥ Pencil

Look up the following Scripture passages in your Bible. Summarize characteristics of Mary described in each passage.

Luke 1:26-38	
Luke 1: 39-56	
Luke 2: 1-7	
Luke 2: 15-20	
Luke 2:21-38	
Luke 2:39-40	
Luke 2:41-52	
Matthew 1:16-24	
Matthew 2:1-12	
Matthew 2:12-23	



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Older Children and Adults  
Mother Heart Healing Meditation with Mother Mary



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*Reflection Questions*

1. What past pain, sorrow, or hardships came to mind that you needed to release?
2. What would you like to experience moving forward?
3. How did it feel to have the Divine Love flowing all around you?
4. At what part of the meditation did you feel most relaxed? And what do you remember about it?
5. How did you feel at the beginning of the meditation? Now, after you have finished, how do you feel?
6. How can Mary Mother help you throughout this next week? Use the space below to write a prayer to her asking for her intercession for whatever needs exist in your life at the present time.