



Week 3 - Hail Mary

Parents - Instructions: Before beginning this lesson, please take a few minutes together as a couple, or by yourself, to read and reflect on the “Scripture Reading” and “Discussion Questions”. Next, read the Scripture passage and the lesson to/with your child(ren). Then, as a family, discuss a few of the questions. Parents, please be sure to share *your* answers, thoughts, and questions with your child(ren) as well. It’s ok to not know everything about our faith. Your parish leadership is happy to help you find answers.

Scripture Reading: [Luke 1:28](#) & [Luke 1:41-42](#)

Virtue/Fruit: Faithful Family

“What a joy to remember that she is our mother!
Since she loves us and knows our weakness, what have we to fear?”
~ St. Therese of Lisieux

Theme: Mary: Mother of Jesus - Mother of God - Mother of Us All.

Parents - Read to/with Child(ren):

“Hopefully you recognize the Bible verses we just read. Together they make up the first part of the *Hail Mary*. Let’s take a deeper look at what a gift this ancient prayer is to us.

“Hail [Mary], full of grace, the Lord is with you.” As we pray the words the Angel Gabriel spoke to Mary, it reminds us that Mary of Nazareth was chosen and blessed by God in a very special way. To prepare Mary to be the mother of Jesus, God gave her a precious gift - the gift of His grace; His very self.

“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! [Jesus].” As we pray the words of Mary’s cousin Elizabeth, we remember how her son, John the Baptist, jumped in Elizabeth’s womb when she heard the voice of Mary. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. By the power of the same Holy Spirit, our hearts leap within us when we pray.

“Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of death. Amen.” Mary is the mother of Jesus. Jesus is fully human and fully God. That is why we call Mary the *Mother of God*. Jesus gives us Mary to be our mother as well. In her love for us, she is willing to pray for us, for the rest of our lives.”

Discussion Questions (to help start the family conversation)

Young Child(ren) (& 1st Reconciliation/1st Communion Students)

1. How do moms show their love for their children?
2. How does our Blessed Mother Mary love us as her children?

Older Child(ren) (& Confirmation Students)

1. Why do we ask Mary and the other Saints in heaven to pray for/with us to God?
2. What would you like to ask Mary to pray for?

Prayer: Please pray the *Hail Mary*, at least once each day this week, as a family.



Family Rosary Curriculum (FRC)

Catechetical Evangelization - Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation



Additional Resources:

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/mary-the-saints-our-spiritual-mother-the-communion-of-saints>

https://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/p4s1c2a2.htm#2676

