



Family Rosary Curriculum (FRC)

Catechetical Evangelization - Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation



Week 8 - The Visitation

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 1:39-56](#)

Virtue/Fruit: Joy

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior.”

~ Mary (Luke 1:46-47)

Theme: Glory in the Lord’s Presence

Parents - Read to/with Child(ren):

In this Gospel reading both Mary and Elizabeth are pregnant. Mary is carrying Jesus in her womb, and Elizabeth is carrying John the Baptist.

Shortly after Mary was visited by the Angel Gabriel, who told her she would carry Jesus in her womb and give birth to him, she left to go visit her cousin Elizabeth. When Mary greets Elizabeth two great things happen. The baby in Elizabeth’s womb leaps for joy, and Elizabeth says “Most Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb”; words we remember and pray in the *Hail Mary*.

Mary also experiences a wonderful joy. The only thing Mary wants to do is give glory to God. Right after Elizabeth greets her, Mary offers a beautiful prayer of praise to God. Mary’s prayer is called the *Magnificat*, and is a prayer we still use today. Just like Jesus taught us the *Our Father*, Mary teaches us the *Magnificat*.

Mary, Elizabeth, and John the Baptist in his mother’s womb all found great joy and gave glory to God in this Gospel story. Even though Jesus had not been born yet, they all knew he was present. God wants us to recognize him everywhere in our lives as well, even when he is not easy to see. When we recognize God in our lives we find joy and happiness, and when we find that joy and happiness we should always thank God for it and give him Glory.

Discussion Questions (to help start the family conversation)

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

1. Where do you see God in your life?
2. What would you like to thank God for today?

Older Child(ren) (& Confirmation Students)

1. Where would you like to see God in your life (where is it sometimes hard to see him)?
2. God deserves all our glory. Do we sometimes give glory to things that are not from God?

Prayer: Each day this week, as a family, please pray a *Hail Mary* and the *Magnificat*. If you would like, also talk about what you think Mary is saying in the *Magnificat*.



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The Magnificat Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
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for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me
blessed: the Almighty has done great things for
me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

