

Grade 1 Unit 2

Lesson 5: Mary, the Mother of Jesus

Opening Prayer: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen
Dear God, Thank you for our mothers and for Mary, the Mother of Jesus. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen

1. Watch Video:

God chose Mary to be the Mother of Jesus. He sent an angel to visit Mary to tell her of his plan.

You can read about it in the Bible in Luke 1:28-38 or watch the story here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VrYvuYwPAvU>

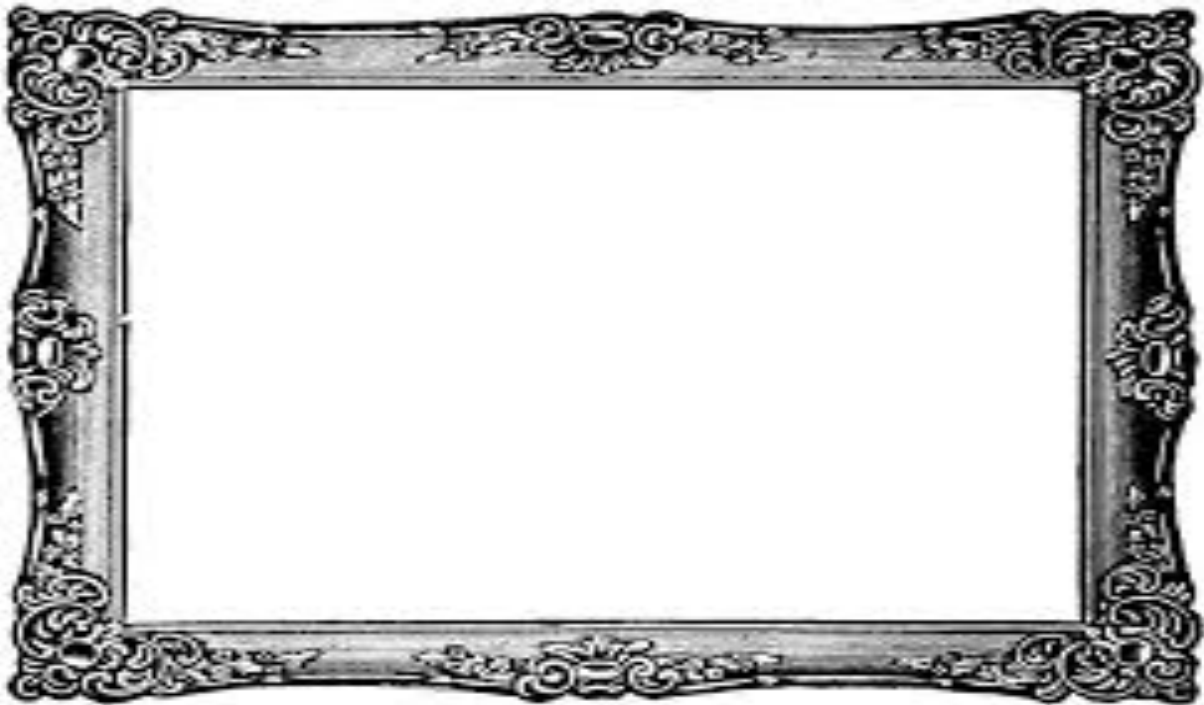
Ask: What did Mary say when God told her of His plans through the angel Gabriel?

[If child is not sure of the answer, watch the video again and have them watch for her reply].

God has great plans for us, just like He had great plans for Mary. To be our best selves, we need to cooperate with God and say 'Yes' to His plans, like Mary did.

2. How do we say Yes to God?

God wants us to love and trust Him like Mary did. We can show that we trust God when we do the things we know God would want us to do. Draw a picture below of something that you know God would want you to do (i.e. share toys with friend, brush teeth, do chores, etc)



3. Pray with Mary: Mary is in heaven with God and can ask Him to help and bless us. We can pray to her to ask her to talk to God for us. Decorate and practice Hail Mary prayer on p. 232.

Lesson 6: Jesus Shares God's Love

Opening Prayer: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen
Father we thank you for the gift of Your Son Jesus. In the name of the Father, and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit Amen

1. Watch Video:

Jesus knew that we needed help to learn how to live and love one another better. He loved us so much that in order to help us he gave up His life in order to take the punishment for all the wrong things we have done or will ever do, so we can live forever with Him in heaven.

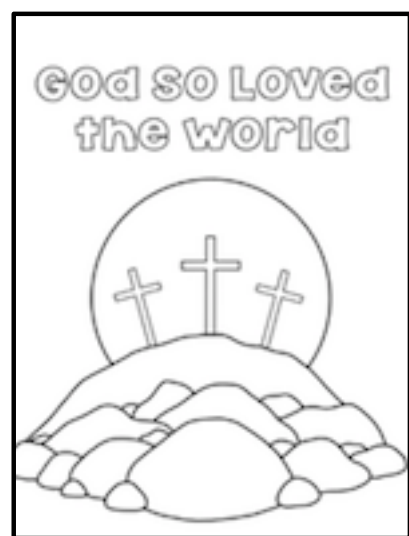
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZ4gQniUVO8>

Ask: What happened 3 days after Jesus died on the cross?

[if child is unsure of the answer, watch video again and help them spot the answer] Say Thank You to Jesus by completing the Activity on p. 57 of your textbook.

2. What happened again?

When Jesus died for our sins on the cross it is called the **Crucifixion**. When He rose from the dead, it is called His **Resurrection**. Number the following events from Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection in order by placing the numbers 1-3 in the blanks below, or cutting them out and putting them in the correct order.



3. Prayer of Hope: Pray together: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen. O my God, you always love us. You are always good to us. Your word to us is always true. With your help, we hope that we will live with you in Heaven. Amen. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen

Lesson 7: The Holy Spirit, Our Helper

Opening Prayer: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen. Thank you Holy Spirit for guiding us today and always. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen

1. Watch Video:

Jesus taught us that there is one God, but that we can know Him in three persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. The three persons in one God is called **the Holy Trinity**. We mention all of these persons in the Sign of the Cross. Fill in the names of the three persons of the Trinity in the shamrock on p. 65 of your textbook.

We have talked about God our Father in Heaven and God the Son as Jesus who came to earth to rescue us. Today we are going to talk about God the Holy Spirit. Here is a story from the Bible about when the Holy Spirit of God came to Jesus' followers. You can read it in Acts 2 or watch it here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMQKy1Mx49M&t=2s>

Ask: What did the disciples do after they received the Holy Spirit?

(answers: spoke new languages, were able to share Good News, shared with others, healed people etc)

2. Gifts: The Holy Spirit comes to us in Baptism and fills our hearts with God's love like air fills a balloon. He is God always with us, to comfort us and guide us and give us the gifts we need to love God and others, like kindness, gentleness, patience, and joy.

Watch this experiment that will help kids better understand how the Holy Spirit helps us in our lives. *Note, please explain to kids that the Holy Spirit is sometimes called the Holy Ghost.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=65VTudVLsF0>

3. Come Holy Spirit!

The more we invite the Holy Spirit to help us and be present and active in our lives the more we will see Him working in us. Let's pray to Him now and ask God the Holy Spirit to come into our hearts.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen. Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with the fire of your love. Amen. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen.

Lesson 8: The Church

Opening Prayer: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen. Dear Jesus, thank you for the gift of the Catholic Church. Amen. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen.

1. Watch Video:

The church is not a building! The Church is people!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rms6KePjIZ8>

2. Catholics follow Jesus!

We are Catholics. That means that our church goes all the way back to Jesus and the Apostles. We still do the same things and follow the same teachings that Jesus taught the first members of His church over 2000 years ago!

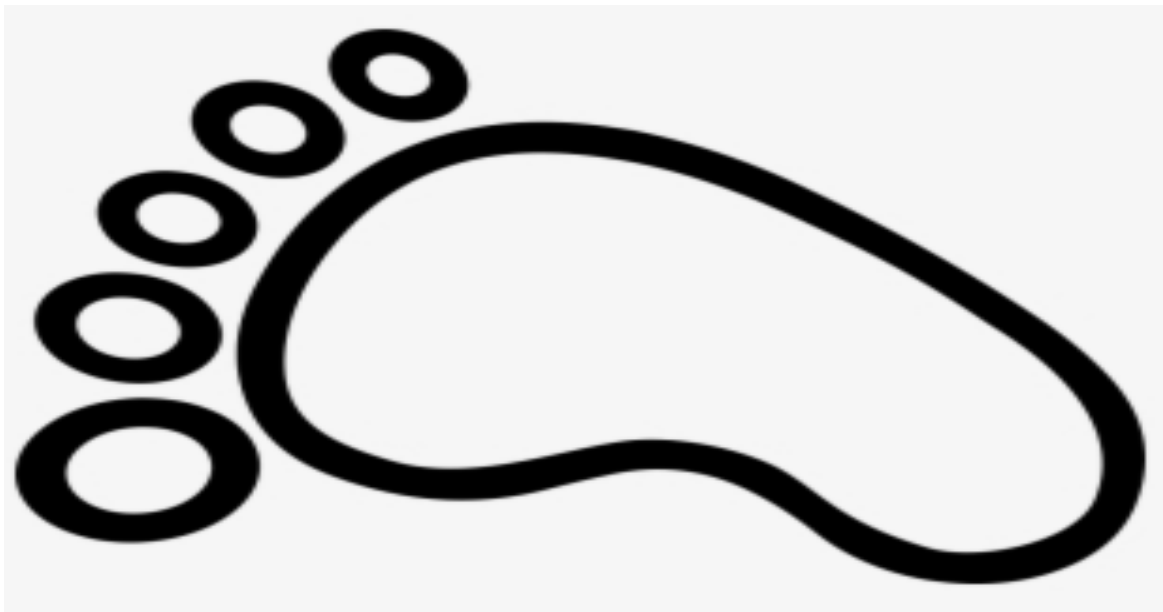
Complete the activity on p. 74 of your textbook to find out 3 things Catholics do.

3. What is a Saint?

Saints are members of the church who did a great job of following Jesus while they were alive and who are now living with Him in heaven. By learning about them we can learn ways to better live as Jesus taught us to.

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fKoF4Xxi6vk>

In the footprint below, write or draw one thing you saw St. Francis do in the video that you could do also in order to better follow Jesus.



Let's finish today by asking St. Francis and all the saints to pray for us with the prayer on p. 77.