

# Joyful Catholic Families

## Lesson #7 – Mary

### Mary:

- Who is Jesus' mom? (Mary)
- What do you know about Mary?

Read the booklet, "Mary: Jesus' Mom, Our Mom". (Go to [this post](#) for PDF.)

### Mary Puzzle:

(Go to [this post](#) for PDF and more information.)

- Spread the puzzle pieces on the floor. (Use the one piece per page puzzle.)
- Show the children the first piece (Mary's parents). Talk about it.
- Tape the piece to a wall or the edge of a table so everyone can see the puzzle as you add pieces.
- See if the children can figure out what is the next picture. Talk about the piece – including the name of the event in Mary's life (i.e., Annunciation, Visitation,...)
- Continue until the puzzle is complete.
- The order of the pieces:
  - Mary's parents
  - Mary's birthday
  - Mary's husband
  - Annunciation
  - Visitation
  - Birth of Jesus
  - Jesus' First Miracle
  - Holding Jesus After He Died
  - The Assumption
  - The Coronation

Give each child a Mary puzzle (4 pieces per page size) in a Ziploc bag and the children's size booklet, "Mary: Jesus' Mom, Our Mom".

Each child puts the puzzle together with his/her parents.

## **Pray the Hail Mary with Actions:**

(Go to [Loyola Press website](#) for more information. I am not sure where I found the Hail Mary with actions that I use. It is very similar to the one on the Loyola Press website.)

We have a lot of prayers connected to Mary. Can you name one of them? (Hail Mary)

Pray the Hail Mary with actions. (I usually pray it twice with the kids.)

<b>Hail Mary,</b>	(Lift your right hand pointing to the sky.)
<b>Full of grace,</b>	(Lift your left hand pointing to the sky.)
<b>The Lord is with you.</b>	(Bring your hands down, one over the other, onto your chest.)
<b>Blessed are you among women,</b>	(Sweep your hands out across your body, starting in front of your body and moving each hand to the side.)
<b>And blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus.</b>	(Pretend you are rocking a baby in your arms.)
<b>Holy Mary,</b>	(Lift your right hand pointing to the sky.)
<b>Mother of God,</b>	(Lift your left hand pointing to the sky.)
<b>Pray for us sinners,</b>	(Bring your hands down in front of your chest, folded in prayer.)
<b>Now and at the hour of our death.</b>	(Point to a pretend watch on your wrist.)
<b>Amen.</b>	(Bring hands together in prayer.)

## **Assumption/Coronation of Mary craft:**

(Go to [this post](#) for the PDF and more information.)

What happened at the end of Mary's life? (The Assumption: She was assumed into heaven) (Point to the puzzle piece of the Assumption that you taped to the table or wall.)

What else happened? (The Coronation: She was crowned queen of heaven and earth.) (Point to the puzzle piece of the Assumption that you taped to the table or wall.)

We are going to make a craft to remind us of Mary's assumption and coronation. (Show the craft.)

- At the end of Mary's life, she is assumed into heaven (move Mary up on the string)
- She is crowned queen of heaven and earth (fold the crown down onto her head).

Children make the craft:

- Cut out and color Mary and her crown.
- Punch holes where the circles are.
- On the blue cardstock, fill in between the black lines with stretched out cotton balls (clouds).
- Tape a straw to the back of Mary.
- Put a string through the straw and both holes.
- Tie the string on the back of the paper.
- Move Mary above the clouds.
- Position the crown on Mary's head.
- Fold the extra strip on the crown over the top of the page.
- Tape the crown strip to the back side.

## **Mary Life-Size Game Board:**

(Go to [this post](#) for the PDF. Go to [this post](#) for more information about life-size game boards.)

The children start throughout the game board with all the children standing on different squares that are the same color (for example, all the children are on a red square.)

- Tell the children to find the next "red" square or to move "3" squares forward. Talk about what the picture is on the square that they are standing on.
- Can also tell them to find a picture of an event in Mary's life

## **Repeat the Hail Mary with Actions:**

Gather the children where you are done playing the Life-Size Game Board and conclude the class by praying the Hail Mary with actions.

**Stickers:** Give each child a sticker as they leave.

## **Supplies:**

Nametags & Permanent markers  
Prayers for prayer rings  
Home lessons  
Snack  
Plates, napkins, water & glasses  
Stickers (for each child at the end of class)

“Mary: Jesus’ Mom, Our Mom” booklet – classroom size (printed two-sided on white cardstock)

“Mary: Jesus’ Mom, Our Mom” children’s size booklet for each child (printed on white or light blue paper)

Mary puzzle for each child (4 pieces per page size – printed on white cardstock) – cut apart the puzzle and put in a Ziploc bag

One Mary puzzle (one piece per sheet size) to use with the class (printed on white cardstock)

Mary’s Assumption/Coronation craft:

- Sample of the craft
- Background page printed on blue cardstock
- Mary and crown printed on white cardstock
- Straw (about 4”)
- Cotton balls
- String (around 26”)
- Glue sticks
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Hole punchers
- Tape

Mary life size game board pictures  
Blue painters’ tape or small cones