



SHINE LIKE MARY

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KIDS ASSEMBLY TOPIC

Kids Assembly Topic for October 2021

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Objectives:

At the end of the Kids Assembly, MFC Kids will be able to:

1. Know what does the title Our Lady of Light mean.
2. Value the importance of Mary in our lives.
3. Start praying and adoring Mary as their spiritual mother.



I. MOTIVATION

Activity: Praying the Hail Mary with Actions

Directions:

- Invite the children to stand
- Tell them that they are going to learn actions to go along with the words to the Hail Mary to help them memorize the words.
- Tell them that praying with gestures is another form of prayer, as is singing or praying silently.
- Demonstrate the following gestures as you pray each line of the prayer:

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 group 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.)



II. HEAD

As young as we are, we are called to carry God's light. We are called to be a shining instrument of God to the ends of the earth, especially in this time where the world is covered in darkness because of the pandemic that we are still experiencing. We are to inspire kids to be like Jesus and be voyagers of light wherever we are. There will be challenges as we continue to shine like Jesus, but rest assured that Mama Mary will always be there to journey with us.

One of Mary's titles is Our Lady of Light. The history of Our Lady under this title is tied to Father John Genovesi; he is a priest from Italy. He was a

missionary priest, like a voyager, who always went on a mission to preach the life of Jesus. He used to bring an image of Mama Mary wherever he went. During one of his missions, he could not decide which image to bring, and suddenly, Mama Mary appeared to him with great majesty and glory. The light coming from Our Lady made the sun seem dim, but it did not hurt Father Genovesi's eyes. Instead, the light coming from our Dearest Mother was directed to his heart, filling it with joy and peace. Afterward, Mama Mary commissioned him to make an image of her apparition, which He was duly done, and it was called Our Lady of Light. Since then, he continued to preach the Gospel, and he was able to bring people to Jesus through the Blessed Virgin Mary.



III. HEART

As voyagers of Light, we can learn three important things from the story of Our Lady of Light that we can apply in our daily lives:

1. Remember that you are never alone

Mama Mary always accompanied Fr. Genovesi mission. He was able to conquer the danger on the sea and on every land that he went through because he knew that Mama Mary was protecting him. As voyagers of light, we are called to go wherever we can become missionaries - in our school, in our play areas, in our homes and in different places where we can set our feet, and always remember that you are never alone .

2. Pray to Jesus through Mary

The image of Our Lady of Light taught us a lot of things on how we should relate to Jesus and Mary. We can see from the image that our Dearest Mother held Baby Jesus in her left arm. It reminds us to always go to Mary, for she will give us the light and lead us to her Son. We can pray to Jesus through Mary by praying the Holy Rosary in which we remember the life of Jesus.

3. Shine Like Mary

Everything about Mary is good. She is the perfect model that we should imitate. Her deep humility, lively faith, and obedience to the will of the Father are some of Mary's good qualities that we should strive to live out. Jesus learned a lot of good things from her Mother and we too can learn a lot from her. Let's be good to other people especially to our parents by doing this, you can also shine like Mary.



IV. HANDS

A. For Kids at Play (3-4 years old)

Activity 1: Coloring Activity

Materials:

- Printed copy of handout (Please see Appendix A)
- Coloring Materials

B. For First Step (5-6 years old), Foot Step (8-10 years old), and Step-up (10-12 years old)

Activity: Mini Rosary Craft Making

Materials:

- Patterns printed on cardstock or construction paper (See Appendix 2)
- Scissors (safety scissors for children)
- Coloring Materials
- Hole Punch
- Yarn
- Scotch Tape

Instructions:

1. Print the pattern (with or without the written prayers) on cardstock or construction paper (See Appendix B)
2. Cut out the pieces and let the children color them.
3. On each piece, tell them to write a prayer to Mama Mary.
4. With a hole punch, punch a hole over each X. Be careful not to punch through the edge. You can fix it with scotch tape if you do.
5. Create a needle on a 29" piece of yarn by wrapping the end with scotch tape



6. Tie the yarn to the cross and help your child lace the rosary together going in at the bottom of each bead and out through the top.
7. Tie the yarn to the final bead and trim any excess.



IV. TAKE AWAY

As voyagers of light, we are called to bring the light of Jesus wherever we go. It will never be easy but always remember that you are never alone because our Dearest Mother will be there to guide you as you pray to her. Let's continue to live our lives just like Mary did so we can also shine like her.

Here is our voyager's badge for this month!



RECITATION OF MFC KIDS PROMISE

1. I will imitate Jesus.

- I will pray to God and read the Bible every day.
- I will make Jesus as my role model by obeying rules and doing good in school.

2. I will be a good family member.

- I will be a good son/daughter to my parents by obeying and respecting them.
- I will be a good sister/brother to my siblings through sharing and supporting them.

3. I will be an active member of MFC Kids

- I will always attend and participate in all MFC Kids activities.
- I will share my time, talents and treasures to others especially to my brothers and sisters in MFC Kids
- I will love, respect and be loyal to my MFC Kids family.

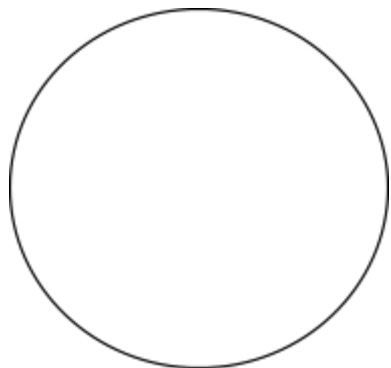
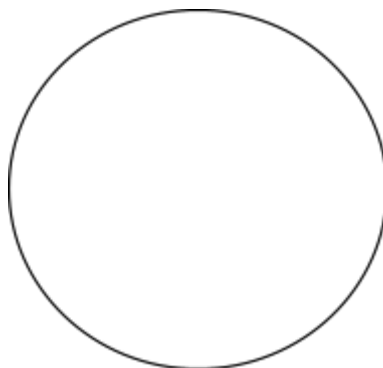
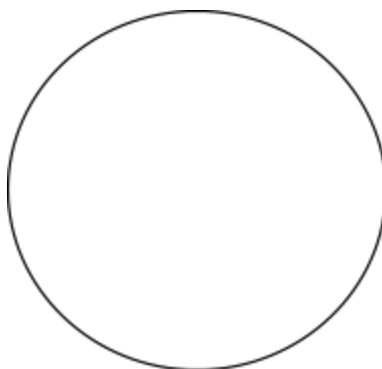
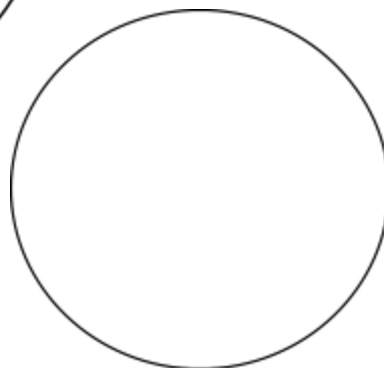
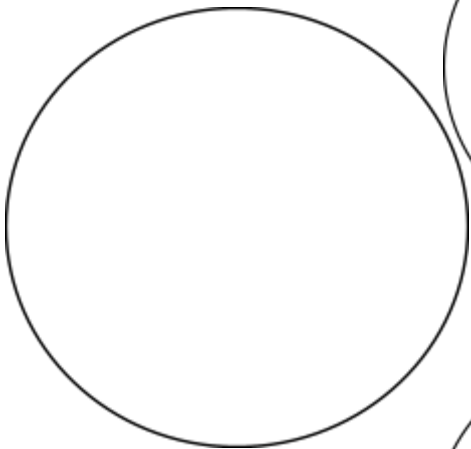
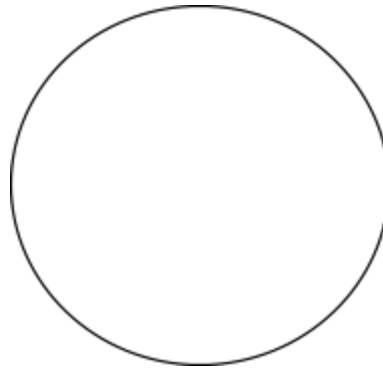
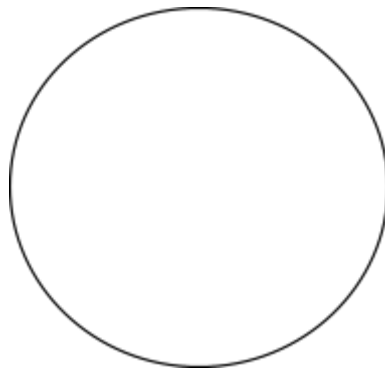
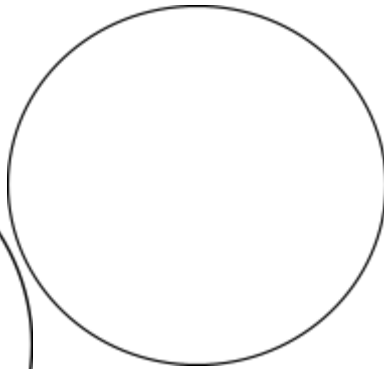
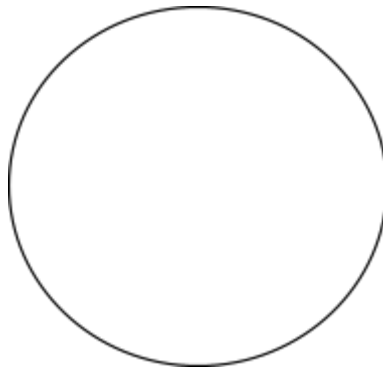
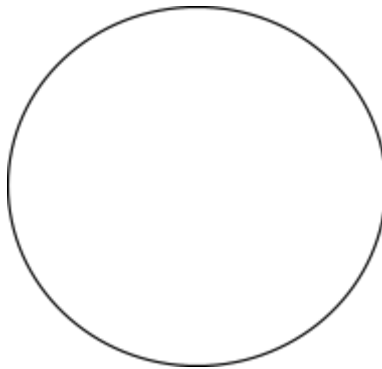
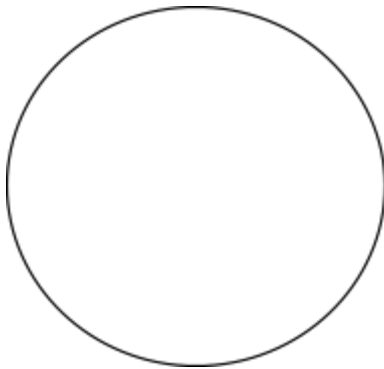
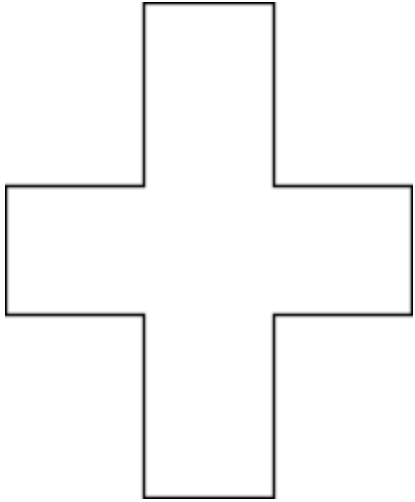
4. I will tell others about Jesus.

- I will love my brothers and sisters, relatives, and friends by doing good deeds everyday that will reflect God's love.
- I will serve in our Parish Church.
- I will love the poor by sharing what I have with them.

Appendix A



Appendix B



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for letting your kids attend our Kids Assembly this month and for being one with us in believing that they are *never too young to know Christ*. We honor your love and passion in making your child/ren closer to the Lord.

Our topic this month is about our Dear Mother Mary as our light and guide in the path to Jesus. She will help our family to be closer to her son, Jesus. Now is the perfect time to keep the Mother of God more present in our hearts.

As a parent, we can help them to appreciate and love Mary even more by encouraging them to do the following activities with you:

1. Pray the Holy Rosary - “The family that prays together, stays together.”

Make it your family prayer. In each mystery, pause and pray in silence for the following intentions -

Family and Friends

Teachers, Missionaries and Leaders

Government Officials and Medical frontliners

Weak, sick and the dead

Own intentions (prayer for your family)

2. Create a prayer intention jar. Use any empty jar or container and decorate with supplies you have at home (construction paper, tissue paper, beads,

stickers). Write down things to pray for on popsicle craft sticks and choose one each day. Your family can then pray for these intentions together during your rosary time.

3. Crown Mary at Home - On May 1 each year, churches and Catholic schools have a “May crowning” ceremony where special prayers are recited and a crown of flowers are placed on the head of a Mary statue. Think about having your own May crowning each month at your home as a way of honoring her and consecrating our family to her blue mantle of protection.

4. Mary’s Spot in Your Home - Set up a small indoor area dedicated to Mary to remind your children about their Blessed Mother. Place a picture or prayer card with the image of the Mother of God in their bedrooms. Remind your children to think of Mary every time they see her image and to say a prayer.

When doing these activities, we encourage you to post these on your social media accounts so that you can inspire other parents and families to journey with their kids as well. Use these hashtags - #MFCKids #ParentChildActivity #MomentsThatMatter

Thank you very much and we hope to be with your kid/s next month!

MFC Kids Team