

# 2023 Kids Assembly Topic for May **YES LORD!**

#### **OBJECTIVES**

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

- Understand the story of Annunciation.
- Value Mary as our model of obedience and trusting.
- Imitate Mary's fiat in our family.

#### **MOTIVATION**

#### Activity: Video Watching

#### The Story of the Annunciation https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r7-wKxNdgyQ

#### Processing:

In Christianity, the event known as the Annunciation, also referred to as the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary or Annunciation of the Lord, involves the angel Gabriel announcing to Mary that she will conceive a son named Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:26–38). Mary's willing acceptance of this news ("Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word") leads to the Incarnation of Christ and ultimately, his redemption of the world.



# EXPANDED OUTLINE I. HEAD

The Feast of the Annunciation is an important celebration in the Christian church, observed on March 25th (also known as Lady Day), which is nine months prior to Christmas. This occasion is marked as the Solemnity of the Annunciation, commemorating the moment when the Angel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary to reveal the special mission that God had chosen for her - to be the mother of His only son. The feast is a celebration of the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Trinity and the salvation of all mankind.



#### II. HEART

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her." - Luke 1:38

Let's talk about the word "fiat", which means "let it be done". This word is important because it represents accepting God's will, just like Mary did. Mary is someone we look up to because she always followed God's plan and was a great example of how to speak, act, and love others, especially in our families.

As members of a family, we should try to be like Mary and follow her good qualities in our own lives. We can do this by being kind, patient, and always doing what is right. Let's try to make our homes a place of love and happiness by being like Mary and following God's plan for us. Like Mary, let us –

#### A. LISTEN LIKE MARY

Mary did something really special - she listened to God's plan for her and accepted it. God wanted her to be the mother of Jesus, and she said "yes". Mary teaches us that it's important to listen to God too. When we listen to God, we learn what He wants us to do. It's also important to listen to our parents. They love us and want what's best for us, so it's good to pay attention when they talk to us.

When we listen to our parents, we can better understand God's plan for us too. So, let's follow Mary's example and listen to God and our parents so we can do what's best.

#### **B. OBEY LIKE MARY**

#### "Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord." -Colossians 3:20

Mary is a great example of obedience because she listened to God's messenger and did what God wanted her to do. We can also be obedient to God like Mary by following His ten commandments. One of these commandments is to honor our father and mother. That means we should listen to and obey our parents, because God gave us parents to take care of us.

When we obey our parents, we are showing them love. And when we obey God, we are showing our love for Him too. So let's try to be obedient like Mary and show love to God and our parents by listening to them and doing what they ask us to do.

#### **C. TRUST LIKE MARY**

When God asked Mary to do something, she trusted Him and said "yes". She knew that God would take care of her and everything would be okay. We can trust God too, just like Mary did. When we trust God, we believe that He will take care of us and guide us in the right direction.

It's also important to trust our parents. They love us and want what's best for us, just like God does. We should trust them and believe that everything they do is for our good. God gave us our parents to take care of us and keep us safe, so we should give them our full trust and respect. So let's follow Mary's example and trust God and our parents. When we trust them, we can feel safe and know that everything will be okay.

### III. HANDS

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

#### Activity: Angel and Mary Coloring Page (see appendix A)

Materials: Coloring Materials

#### Instructions:

- Get your crayons or any of your coloring materials and start to put colors into the drawing page.
- Note to the facilitator: After doing the activity, before the assembly ends, call some representatives and let the kids share their work to the group.

 B. First Steps (5-7 years old), Footsteps (8-10 years old) and Step Up (10-12 years old)

#### Activity: PAPER PLATE ANGEL

#### Materials:

- Paper Plate
- Bond Paper
- Colored Paper
- Coloring Materials
- Scissors
- Glue

#### Instructions:

Here are some easy steps to make an angel craft:

- 1 Get a paper plate and color it with your favorite color. This will be the angel's body.
- 2 Fold down the right and left sides of the plate to make the angel's gown.
- 3 Cut out a circle from paper and draw the angel's face on it. Glue this to the top of the plate.
- 4 Trace your hands on paper and cut them out. Glue the hands to the back of your angel.
- 5 Write on the wings of the angel about how you can obey God and your parents.

It's a fun craft that reminds us of how we can be like angels and obey God and our parents. So let's get crafty and make some angels!

#### **IV. TAKE AWAY**

In the month of May, we remember and honor Mary, who was the mother of Jesus. Mary listened to God and did what He wanted her to do. As MFC Kids, we can be like Mary and obey God too. We should try to be obedient like Mary, especially in our homes and with our families. That means we should listen to our parents and follow their rules, because they love us and want what's best for us. So let's remember Mary and try to be obedient like she was. When we listen to God and our parents, we can make our homes and families a happy and peaceful place to be.

#### **CONVICTION**

Hello Coordinators and Heart Champs!

Kindly instruct our MFC Kids members attending the assembly to write this conviction statement on their 2023 Conviction Statement Card after finishing their activity. The card will be their attendance tracker as they attend our Kids Assemblies every month.

May:

## I WILL OBEY GOD AND MY PARENTS

#### **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 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 with others, especially with 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 every day 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,

We would like to thank you for allowing your kids to join our Kids Assembly this month. We appreciate your love and support in helping your children learn more about Christ. Our topic for this month is about Mary's obedience to God and how she trusted in His will. The children have learned that Mary is a good example of someone who listens to God and does what He wants.

We would like to encourage you and your children to do some activities together that will help them practice obedience, just like Mary did. Here are some ideas:

**1. Cook Together** - You can teach your kids about obedience in the kitchen by following recipes together.

**2. Make a "To Do List" Together** - Writing a list of things for your children to do will help them practice obedience and trust.

**3. Go to Adoration Chapel Together** - Praying in the adoration chapel can help your children listen to God more.

After doing these activities, we would love for you to share them on social media using these hashtags: #MFCKids #ParentChildActivity #MomentsThatMatter. By sharing, you can inspire other parents and families to spend time with their kids and grow in faith together.

Thank you for your support, and we hope to see your kids again next month!

#### MFC Kids Team