



HAIL MARY FULL OF GRACE

OCTOBER 2024
KIDS ASSEMBLY TOPIC

Kids Assembly Topic for October 2024

Title:

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Objectives:

At the end of the session, participants should be able to:

- Understand the meaning and brief history of the Rosary.
- Appreciate the values that Mama Mary teaches us through praying the Holy Rosary.
- Conclude the assembly by praying the Holy Rosary.

MOTIVATION

Activity: Mary Full of Mysteries

Mechanics:

Divide the kids into groups and provide each group with a marker and a sheet of manila paper. A list of mysteries will be shown or read aloud. The task is to identify each mystery as either Glorious, Joyful, Sorrowful, or Luminous.

How to Play: Identify the mysteries from the list and categorize them as Glorious, Joyful, Sorrowful, or Luminous. Write your answers on the paper provided.

List of Mysteries:

1. Agony in the Garden
2. Wedding at Cana
3. Crowning of Thorns
4. The Ascension
5. The Transfiguration
6. The Crucifixion
7. The Assumption of Mary
8. The Nativity
9. The Coronation of Mary
10. The Annunciation

Welcome to our OCTOBER Kids Assembly, kids! As we draw closer to the birth of Jesus this December, it is a perfect time for us to honor and give thanks to our Mother Mary. Let us celebrate the Month of the Holy!

EXPANDED OUTLINE



I. HEAD

The month of October is a special time for us Catholics, as we celebrate the Holy Rosary throughout the month. This time is dedicated to honoring and giving thanks to our Mother Mary, acknowledging the grace she brings to us through the Holy Rosary. Every time we pray the Rosary, like a beautiful bouquet of roses, Mary, our mother, blooms in her majesty.

In the year 1221, Mama Mary appeared to a man named Dominic. She helped St. Dominic win the spiritual battle against Albigensianism by giving him the Rosary and instructing him to teach this devotion to the people so that their faith would grow. He showed them how to use a string of beads to help remember the prayers in a special order. St. Dominic's apostolic efforts were blessed with success. As people continued to devote themselves to praying the Holy Rosary, the devotion spread and grew stronger. Many have prayed the Rosary from that time until the present.

For us children, the Rosary is like a special tool—a way to show love and honor to both Jesus and Mary.



II. HEART

We are celebrating the Month of the Holy Rosary, and to honor and give thanks to our Mother Mary, we must understand the values she helps us develop through praying the Rosary. Mother Mary teaches us to -

A. BE OBEDIENT

Despite the questions in her mind about why she was chosen to conceive Jesus, Mama Mary completely obeyed the will of the Father. Her total obedience brought challenges and difficulties, but more importantly, it strengthened her grace to follow God's will, making her graceful even under pressure. Similarly, we must learn to obey first before complaining. For example, at home, when our mother asks for help, instead of pointing to our brother or sister, we should obey and assist her right away. In time, the reward for this obedience is true happiness.

As MFC Kids, Praying the Holy Rosary teaches us to become more obedient, even on days when we feel sleepy or find it boring. Although the Rosary may seem long and

repetitive at times, if we obey and embrace the grace that comes with obedience, we will come to appreciate its beauty even more.

B. BE FAITHFUL

Mama Mary's faith in the will of the Father is immeasurable. It helped her remain faithful like no other. She trusted all the plans God asked her to follow. In the same way, we must trust the Lord, our God, and the plans He has for us. Just like how Mama Mary was faithful to God, you can show your love and faith by listening to your parents, even when it feels hard, or you don't understand why. Mama Mary always talked to God in prayer, and you can do the same! Take a little time each day to pray, thanking God for all the good things you have and asking for His help when you need it.

Sometimes things don't go the way we want, but just like Mary trusted God's plan, we can trust that God has a good plan for us too. We show this by being patient and staying hopeful, even when things are tough. As MFC Kids, praying the Holy Rosary teaches us to be more faithful, even though the prayers are long and repetitive. It helps us be consistent and strengthens our faith.

C. BE CONNECTED

Mama Mary is Jesus' mother, and praying the Holy Rosary helps us stay connected to Jesus. When we need help during difficult times, we turn to Jesus, but to bring our prayers even closer to Him, we ask for the intercession of His mother, Mama Mary. This helps us build a stronger bridge to Jesus.

A mother's bond with her child is irreplaceable, and the connection between them is strong and unbreakable. Similarly, as MFC Kids, our connection with our mothers should remain strong. When you listen to your mom and do what she asks, it shows that you respect her, and it helps you become closer to her. Spending time together, like playing games, reading books, or just talking, makes you feel special and loved. You can also say "I love you," give her a big hug, or even write her a nice note to show how much you care. These little things can help you and your mom feel even more connected!

OUR MAIN ACTIVITY *Praying of the Holy Rosary*

We invite the entire group—Coordinators, Heart Champs, and all the kids—to pray the Holy Rosary together. As we celebrate the month of October, known as the rosary month, we honor Mother Mary by praying the holy rosary as one family here in MFC-

Kids. Our goal is to create a continuous chain of praying the rosary throughout October during our Kids Assemblies, as we participate in the Children's Rosary Rally in our respective areas and chapters.

You may choose to proceed to the Arts and Crafts activity after praying the Rosary, but it is not required, as our main activity for the assembly is praying the Rosary.



IV. HAND

Kids at Play and First Steps (3-7 years old)

Activity: Our Lady of the Holy Rosary (see appendix A)

Material: Coloring Materials

First Steps (5-7 years old) and Footsteps (8-10 years old)

Activity: Paper Chain Rosary (See appendix B)

Materials:

- Colored Paper
- Scissor
- Color Pens
- Glue or Stapler

Instructions:

1. Cut the paper into narrow strips.
2. Write the names of the people you want to pray for on each strip, such as your grandparents, siblings, or anyone who is sick.
3. Choose different colors of paper to represent the beads for the Apostle's Creed, Our Father, three Hail Marys, one Glory Be, and ten Hail Marys.
4. Use a stapler to connect the strips together. You can follow a picture or diagram as a visual guide.
5. Cut out a cross shape and attach it to the linked strips. This completes your prayer chain.

Step Up (10-12 years old)

Activity: Household Discussion

Question: From the values discussed earlier, what do you think you need to ponder most and why?

TAKE AWAY

The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin... Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labors.” – Pope Pius XI

We, the MFC Kids, must embody the virtues that Mama Mary wants us to develop, such as being graceful in tough times, remaining faithful to Jesus no matter what happens, and drawing closer to Him in every action and decision we make. Mama Mary is pleased whenever we practice these virtues. When we pray the Holy Rosary, we are imitating her grace, faithfulness, and connection to her son, Jesus. She is our bridge that brings us closer to Him. This October, together, we promise that **WE WILL PRAY THE ROSARY!**

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 every day that will reflect God's love.
- I will serve in our Parish Church.

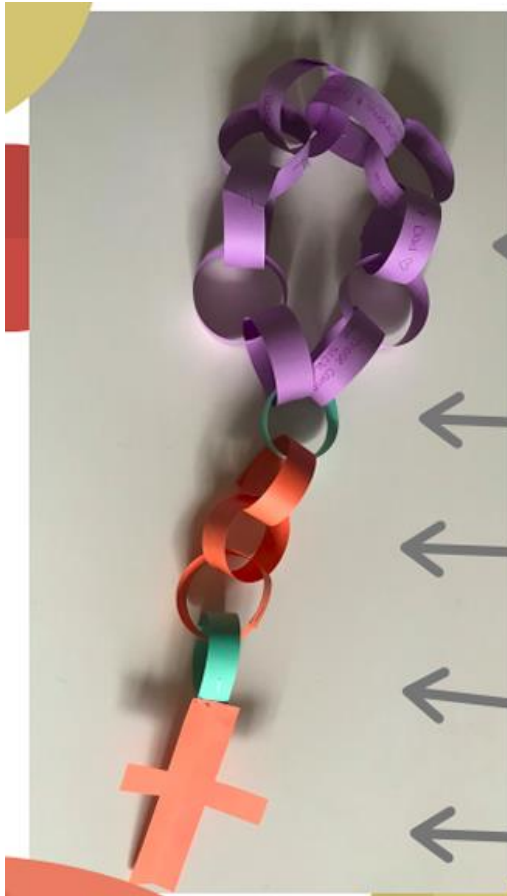
- I will love the poor by sharing what I have with them

Appendix A



Appendix B

Instructions can be found at
www.st-therese.org/



← **10 Hail Mary Links**

← **1 Our Father Link**

← **3 Hail Mary Links**

← **1 Our Father Link**

← **1 Cross for Niacene Creed**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for allowing your children to attend our Kids Assembly this month and for sharing our belief that they are never too young to know Christ. We honor your love and dedication in bringing your child(ren) closer to the Lord. This month, we are exploring the wonderful world of praying the Rosary. We have learned that when we pray the Rosary, beautiful things happen, and we receive the gifts of Mama Mary's intercession and God's guidance. As parents, you can help your children appreciate the beauty of praying the Rosary by engaging in these activities together:

1. Pray the Rosary as a Family - Praying the Rosary together strengthens our family bond and creates a special time for connection and reflection. As you gather in prayer, it allows each family member to share their thoughts and intentions, fostering a deeper understanding of one another's needs and hopes. In each mystery, take a moment to pray silently for different intentions - *(family and friends, teachers, missionaries, and leaders, government officials and medical frontliners, those who are weak, sick, or have passed away, etc.)*

2. Create a Prayer Notebook - Help your children create a special notebook where they can write down the things they want to talk to Jesus about. Encourage them to be creative by decorating the cover and adding personal touches that reflect their unique personality. They can use this list to guide their prayers and deepen their relationship with God, allowing them to track their spiritual journey and see how their prayers are answered over time.

3. Design Your Own Rosary - Explore the internet to find out how to create customized Rosary beads. Start with simple designs, and as you and your children become more interested, you can experiment with different styles, mix and match beads, and create your very own unique Rosary. Involving your children in the design process allows them to express their creativity and personal faith, making the Rosary even more meaningful to them. As you pray with your custom-made Rosary, it can serve as a beautiful reminder of the love and effort you put into creating it together, enhancing your prayer time and deepening your connection to God.

After doing the 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. Use these hashtags - #MFCKids #ParentChildActivity #MomentsThatMatter

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

MFC Kids Team