

5 The Rosary

Background Information

In 1917, Mary appeared to three children in the village of Fatima in Portugal, where she told the children to pray the rosary. Now, millions of people around the world faithfully pray the rosary every day. When we pray the rosary:

- ▶ We remember important events in the life of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus.
- ▶ We ask Mary for her powerful help for ourselves and others.
- ▶ We grow closer to her Son, Jesus.

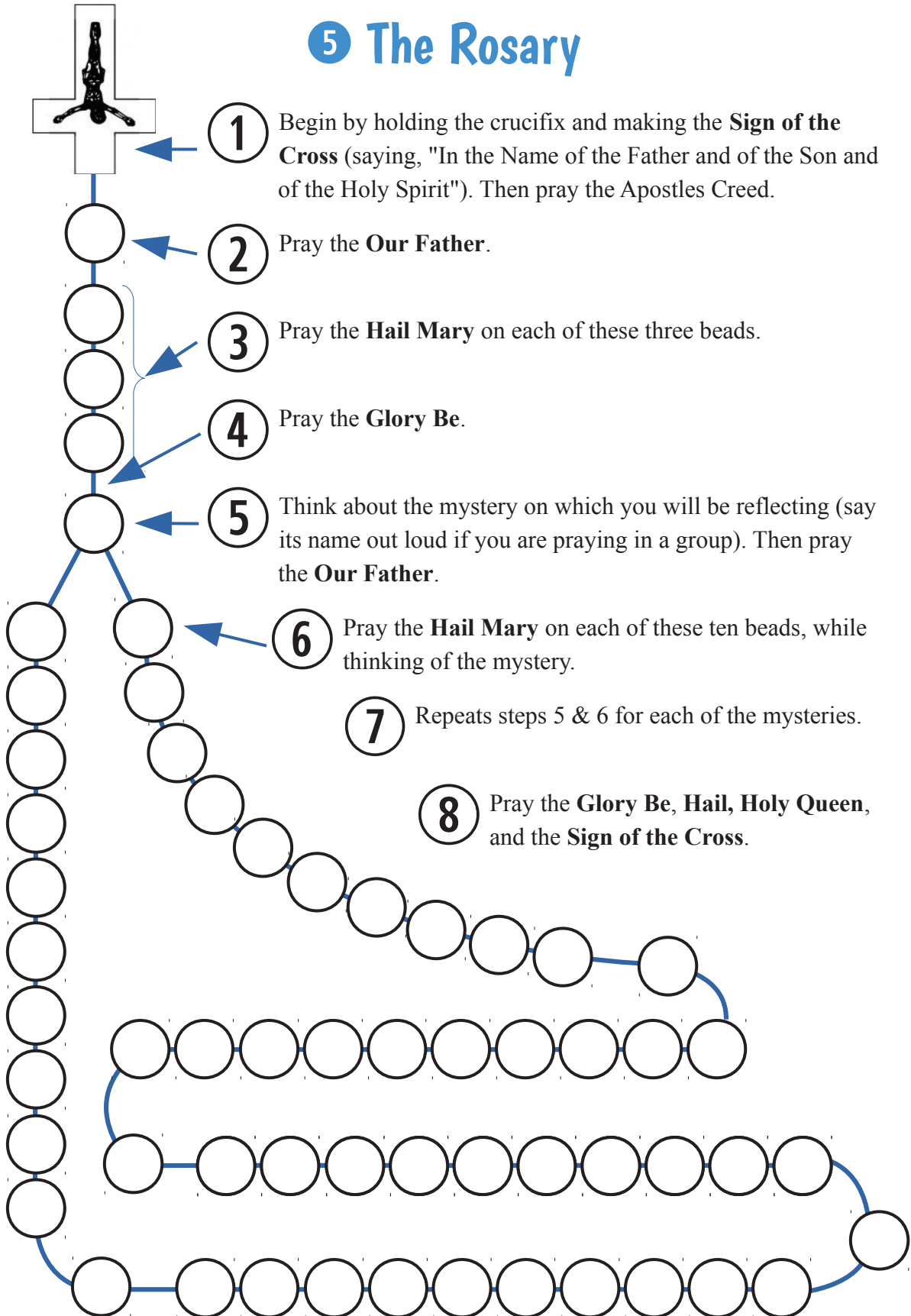
Objectives

- ▶ To draw a picture, telling the story about each Joyful Mystery
- ▶ To learn how to pray the rosary and why we need to pray the rosary

Directions

- 1 Find the page with a picture of the Rosary on it. Read through the instructions on how to say the Rosary. As you do, color in the beads where we say certain prayers:
 - ▶ Color beads for the Our Father red.
 - ▶ Color beads for the Hail Mary blue.
- 2 Find the page titled “The Mysteries.” Each time we pray the Rosary, we focus on a set of mysteries that help us remember events that happened to Jesus and Mary. Match the Joyful Mystery on the left with what it means on the right (answers are below).
- 3 Bring all the handouts home with you to remind you how to say the Rosary. When you get home, pray the Joyful Mysteries.

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Rosary Prayers

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; on the third day he arose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

The Our Father

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Hail Holy Queen

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To you we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To you we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

V: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God

R: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

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The Mysteries ▪ Match the Joyful Mystery on the left with its meaning on the right.

Joyful Mystery
1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Nativity
4. The Presentation
5. Finding Jesus in the Temple

Description
A. Mary visits her cousin, Elizabeth, who is pregnant in her old age.
B. Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to the Temple and offer a sacrifice to God.
C. The angel Gabriel tells Mary that she has been chosen to be the Mother of Jesus.
D. On a trip to Jerusalem, Mary and Joseph lose 12-year-old Jesus until they discover him teaching some Jewish leaders.
E. Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem where Jesus is born.

Joyful Mysteries

(Mondays/Saturdays, above)

Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesdays/Fridays):

- Agony in the Garden
- Scourging at the Pillar
- Crowning with Thorns
- Carrying of the Cross
- The Crucifixion.

Glorious Mysteries

(Wednesdays & Sundays):

- The Resurrection
- The Ascension
- The Descent of the Holy Spirit
- The Assumption
- Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Luminous Mysteries (Thursdays):

- The Baptism of Jesus
- The Wedding at Cana
- The Kingdom of God
- The Transfiguration
- The Eucharist