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How to Pray the Rosary



For families who do not already pray the rosary together, here are simple instructions for establishing this tradition.

Each member of the family should have a rosary of his or her own. If this is not possible, the one who leads the prayers should hold the beads.

1. Make the Sign of the Cross and pray the Apostles' Creed on the crucifix.
2. Pray the Our Father on the first large bead.
3. Pray the Hail Mary on each of the three small beads.
4. Pray the Glory Be and announce the first Mystery.
5. Pray the Our Father on the next large bead.
6. After meditating on the mystery, pray one Hail Mary on each of the next ten small beads.
7. Pray the Glory Be and the Fatima prayer (printed below).
8. Repeat the last three steps with each mystery.

FATIMA PRAYER:

"O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy."

JOYFUL MYSTERIES

1. The Angel Appears to Mary.
2. Mary Visits Elizabeth.
3. Jesus Is Born in Bethlehem.
4. Mary Brings Jesus to the Temple.
5. Mary and Joseph Find Jesus in the Temple.

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES


1. Jesus Is Baptized.
2. Jesus Does a Miracle at Cana.
3. Jesus Tells Us of God's Kingdom.
4. Jesus Shows Us His Glory.
5. Jesus Gives Us the Eucharist

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

1. Jesus Prays in the Garden.
2. Jesus Is Tortured by the Soldiers.
3. Jesus Is Crowned With Thorns.
4. Jesus Carries His Cross.
5. Jesus Dies on the Cross

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

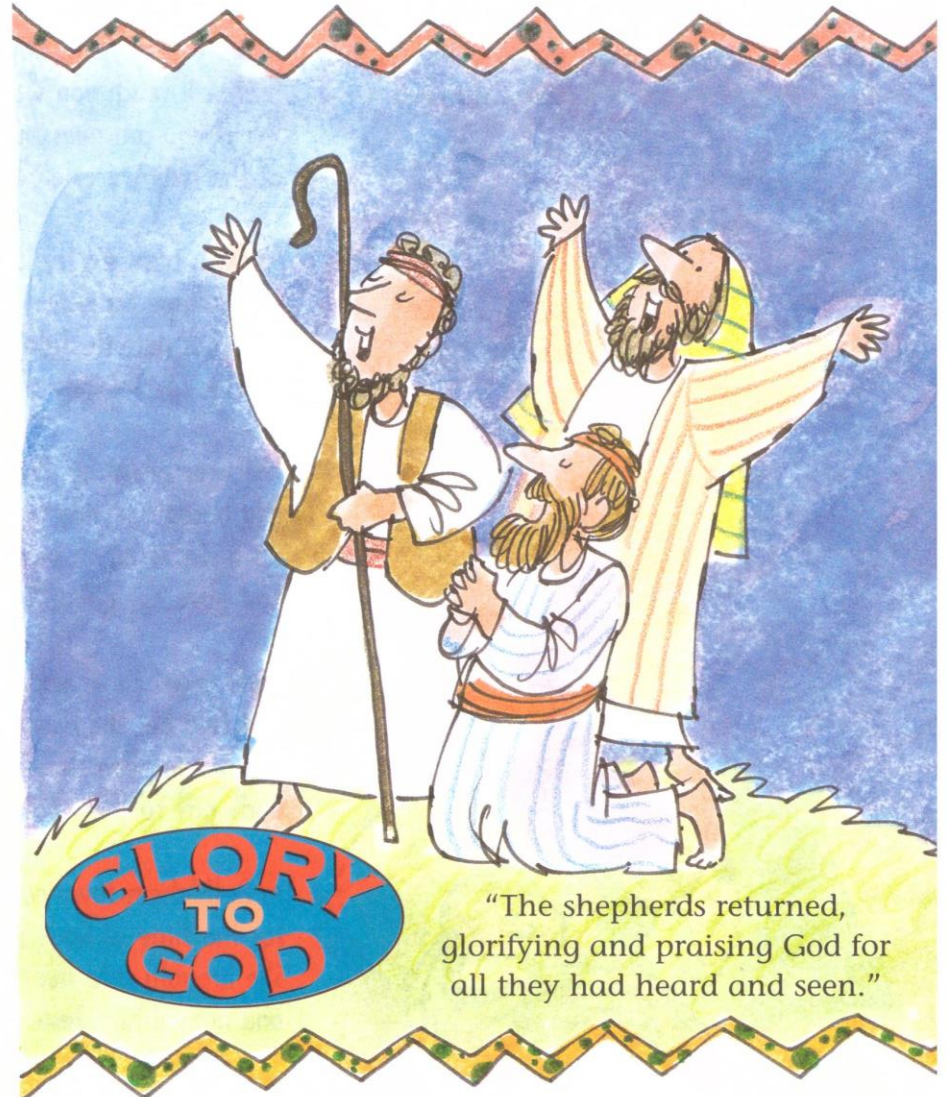
1. Jesus Is Risen.
2. Jesus Goes to Heaven.
3. The Holy Spirit Comes.
4. Jesus Calls Mary to Heaven.
5. Mary Becomes Our Queen

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MARY'S GREATEST TREASURE

This week's gospel story tells of all the things Mary treasured in her heart. Unscramble the secret word to discover Mary's greatest treasure.

S U J S E



The NAME GAME

Here's a little feast-day game that will teach you while you play. See if you can guess the name of the lady we celebrate today.

She was born a very long time ago in a village far across the sea. Even her parents didn't know then what a special lady she would be.

The years went by, the little girl grew and became a lady with gentle eyes. On a starlit night, when she was alone, God gave her a wonderful surprise.

God's angel came and called her by name and told her she was filled with grace. "You have been chosen to bear a son, God's gift to the whole human race."

In Bethlehem town came her moment of joy for the time of God's promise had come. She brought into our world a sweet baby boy and named him Jesus, God's own little Son.

If you haven't already guessed her name, I will give you just one more clue. The lady who became the mother of God is also a special mother for you.

