

# Mary Says Yes to God

**Activity:** The child celebrates Mary saying yes to God by making a festive maraca.

## Concept

Mary said yes to God when she was asked to be the Mother of Jesus.

## What You Need

- ▶ empty plastic bottle with lid
- ▶ handful of beads or pebbles
- ▶ masking or duct tape
- ▶ construction paper
- ▶ art supplies
- ▶ photocopy of Side B of this Lesson Card

## At Home

Send home a photocopy of Side B of this card and invite the family to sing the song. Encourage parents to think about ways they can help their child honor Mary in their home. Praying a Hail Mary before bed is one suggestion.

Example



## Lesson Steps

- 1 Opening Prayer**  
Pray the Sign of the Cross with the child, followed by: *Dear God, saying yes to you is important to us. Please teach us to say yes to all that is good for us in this world.* Pray the Sign of the Cross.
- 2 Begin with Life Experience**  
Shake your head yes, then no. Say: *I'm going to ask you a question, and you answer yes or no.* Ask the child a few yes or no questions [Do you like ice cream? Do birds fly?] to which he or she can sign or gesture the answers. Then say: *Mary said yes [shake your head yes] to God when she was asked to be the Mother of Jesus.*
- 3 Connect**  
Help the child place beads or pebbles inside the bottle and close the top to create a maraca. Next guide the child to color and cut out the band from the photocopy of Side B of this card. Tape the band around the bottle to decorate the maraca. Then use the instrument to perform the song that appears on Side B of this card. Say: *We can say yes to God by living how God wants us to live.*
- 4 Closing Prayer**  
Pray the Sign of the Cross with the child, followed by: *Dear God, please guide us and help us do what you want us to do. Help us always say yes to you.* Conclude by praying the Sign of the Cross.

