

Mary Is the Mother of the Church

Activity: The child makes a paper statue of Mary, the Mother of the Church.

Concept

Mary is the Mother of the Catholic Church.

What You Need

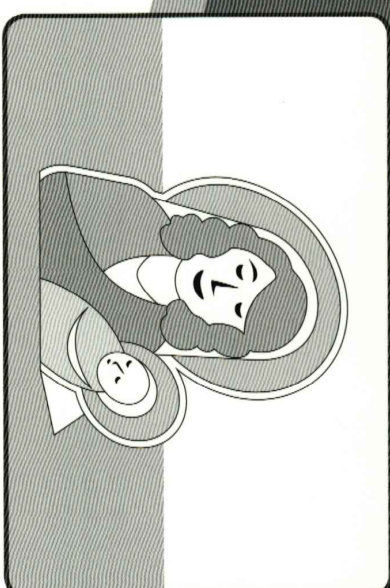
- ▶ art supplies
- ▶ photocopy of Side B of this Lesson Card glued to a sheet of construction paper
- ▶ Picture Glossary* Image for Mary
- ▶ a photo of your mother and one of the child's mother

*Pages 445–451 of the *Adaptive Finding God Catechist Guide*.

At Home

Encourage parents to take their child on a family "Hail Mary Hunt" by helping their child find a statue and symbols of Mary in their church. Point out Mary's presence in the Stations of the Cross and in the Rosary.

Example



Lesson Steps

- 1** **Opening Prayer**
Pray the Sign of the Cross with the child, followed by: ***Dear Jesus, thank you for sharing your Mother, Mary, the Mother of the Church.*** Pray the Sign of the Cross.
- 2** **Begin with Life Experience**
Say: ***You and I have a mother. Show the child a photo of your mother. Invite the child to show you a picture of his or her mother. Jesus had a mother too. Our mothers are special and so is Jesus' Mother, Mary. Mary is the Mother of everyone who loves Jesus.***
- 3** **Connect**
Show the child the Picture Glossary image for Mary. Say: ***The Church is everyone who loves and knows Jesus. Mary is the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of the Church.*** Help the child color and cut out the illustration of Mary with baby Jesus from the photocopy of Side B of this card that has been glued to a sheet of construction paper for reinforcement. Fold where indicated. Explain that the paper statue can be placed in the child's room or anywhere at home. Say: ***This statue can remind you that Mary is the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of the Church.***
- 4** **Closing Prayer**
Pray the Sign of the Cross with the child, followed by: ***Dear God, thank you for giving us Mary, Mother of the Church.*** Conclude by praying the Sign of the Cross.

