

We Ask Mary to Pray for Us

Activity: The child makes and completes a puzzle that displays the Hail Mary prayer.

Concept

We ask Mary to pray for us.

What You Need

- ▶ art supplies
- ▶ Picture Glossary* image for Mary
- ▶ Learning Tool: Hail Mary Signed Prayer at www.findinggod.com/prayers
- ▶ photocopy of Side B of this Lesson Card glued to a sheet of construction paper
- ▶ device with Internet access

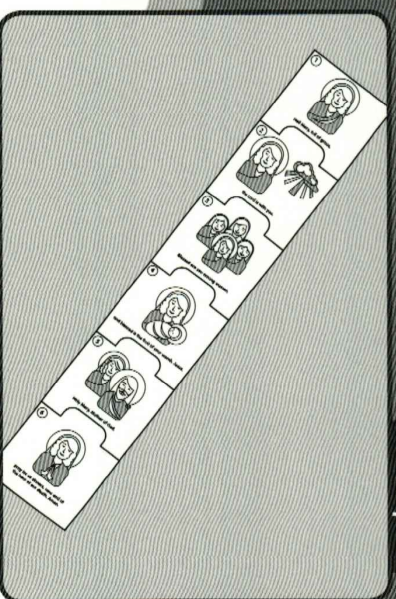
*Pages 445–451 of the *Adaptive Finding God Catechist Guide*.

At Home

Invite the parents to take turns doing the puzzle with their child twice before the next meeting. Have them remind their child that we ask Mary to pray for us. Show images of Mary present in the home if available.

Lesson Steps

- 1 Opening Prayer**
Pray the Sign of the Cross with the child, followed by: *Dear Jesus, thank you for calling Mary to be the Mother of the Church. Help us always stay close to her as our Mother.* Pray the Sign of the Cross.
- 2 Begin with Life Experience**
Show the child the image of Mary from the Picture Glossary. Ask the child where else he or she may have seen a picture of Mary (home, church, school). Explain that Mary is the Mother of Jesus. We honor her and praise her, and that's why we see statues and pictures of her in many places. Say: *We pray the Hail Mary. It is a special prayer.* Show the child the Hail Mary Signed Prayer video.
- 3 Connect**
Help the child color the photocopy of Side B of this card that has been glued in advance to a sheet of construction paper for reinforcement. Then guide the child to cut along the dotted lines or cut out the pieces ahead of time. Place the pieces in front of the child. Begin assembling the puzzle with the child, praying the Hail Mary as you piece the phrases together. Remind the child that we ask Mary to pray for us each time we pray the Hail Mary.
- 4 Closing Prayer**
Pray the Sign of the Cross with the child, followed by: *Dear Jesus, thank you for giving us Mary as the Mother of our Church.* Conclude by praying the Sign of the Cross.



Example

