

# We Pray the Hail Mary

**Activity:** The child puts together a puzzle that follows the text of the Hail Mary.

## Concept

When we pray the Rosary, we pray the Hail Mary.

## What You Need

- ▶ Picture Glossary\* Images for Mary and Jesus
- ▶ photo of your mother
- ▶ photocopy of Side B of this Lesson
- ▶ Card glued to sheet of construction paper
- ▶ art supplies
- ▶ envelope

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

## At Home

Invite the parents to assemble the puzzle with their child. Suggest that after the puzzle is complete, they pray the Hail Mary as a family, inviting the child to pray along or point to the icons as they proceed through the prayer.

## Lesson Steps

### 1 Opening Prayer

Pray the Sign of the Cross with the child, followed by: *Dear God, please give us the grace to be like Mary. Bless all those who says yes to God.* Pray the Sign of the Cross.

### 2 Begin with Life Experience

Say: *I have a mother. Her name is [your mother's name].* Show a photo of your mother. Describe some things you like about her. Say: *You have a mother, Her name is [the child's mother's name].* Invite the child to share things about his or her mother. *Jesus has a mother too.* Show the Picture Glossary image for Mary. *Her name is Mary.*

### 3 Connect

Say: *We show our mothers how much we love them with hugs and kind words. We show Mary how much we love her by praying the Hail Mary.* Help the child color the central picture on the photocopy of Side B of this card. Then cut apart the puzzle pieces. Place the puzzle pieces facedown on the table and mix them up. Have the child select one and read it aloud as the child points to the icon. Continue with each piece and begin assembling the puzzle. Read aloud the puzzle when completed. Say: *This is how we pray the Hail Mary.* Store the puzzle pieces in an envelope.

### 4 Closing Prayer

Pray the Sign of the Cross with the child, followed by: *Thank you, God, for this special way to talk to Mary.* Conclude by praying the Sign of the Cross.

