

## St. Mary, The Mother of God

### Craft

### Monday

Shalom, Welcome! Come sit for a moment and let me tell you about myself. My name is Mary. I lived in Nazareth which is a city in Galilee. (Place a marker on Galilee on the map.) I had a normal childhood for a Jewish girl. I was presented at the temple to the leaders of my religion. While I was there I took a vow to remain pure, to follow the laws of my faith. I stayed there for the next 10 years. Then I was betrothed to Joseph. One night when I was about 14 years old, an angel came to visit me and told me that I would have a son. Do you know what we named him? ..... Jesus..... He was my “Little Lamb.” (Sing Mary had a little lamb. One Verse.) He grew up much like the other boys in the neighborhood. He studied and played and did his chores. He learned to be a carpenter and build things like Joseph. When he was 33 years old, he began to preach and teach about God, his Father. This drew the attention of the king and many others who didn’t like him. I watched my baby, now grown into a man, be beaten and hung from a cross. Before he died, he taught us that he would be a sacrifice for us so that our sins could be forgiven and we could go to heaven. When his friends asked Jesus to teach us to pray, he taught us a prayer called the Our Father. (Say the Our Father.) We use it with some other prayers to make up a rosary. Each section of the rosary begins with a reflection on Jesus’ life. A rosary is one of our craft activities for the day. One quality that I teach is saying yes to God’s call and trusting in His love even when you might be frightened or confused.

#### Crafts—Decade Rosary

Need—10 Beads one color and 2 beads a different color, 1 crucifix, 1 key ring or clip, 24” of craft lacing (shoe lace type)

Directions—Double lacing and knot to key ring. Feed each Lacing through one of the 2 beads from opposite directions. Continue in like manner for the 10 beads then finish with the last of the 2 beads. Feed lacing through the crucifix and tie off. A small drop of glue will hold the knot. The laces can be trimmed to be 2 to 3 inches long.

Explain the prayers for a rosary help us to remember Christ’s life. We ask for Mary to help us to remember Christ and pray for us as we grow closer to him. Hand out Rosary Prayer Cards with prayers and how to say the rosary.

#### Second Craft—Clay Pot Nativity.

Needs: 3 Mini Clay pots, ribbon, 3 large “head” beads, paint, brushes, black-fine point sharpie (to draw faces), small squares of fabric to be hats for Mary and Joseph. Hot glue gun—Adult or teen helper use only.

Paint the outside of the 3 pots upside down—each a different color. (Set up stations for each color with a paint tray, 2 brushes, and some paper towel to clean up any mishaps.) Pick Blue for Mary, Red for Joseph, and Yellow for Jesus. Make sure to mark the pots with kids initials or names. This might work better if we use large paper plates and write the names on the plates while we are painting.

When they are dry, fill with curled ribbon to simulate straw for baby Jesus to sleep on. Add head inside of this pot. On the bottom of the other two pots attach the heads with hot glue and add the “hats”.

