

Topic: Mary: The Church's first and Most Perfect Member

Family Small Group for Confirmation Week 17/18 (February 27th, 2022)

Parent Resources

This week we are covering some fun facts about Mary and then you will be focusing on a specific Circle of Grace Lesson with your student.

If you haven't yet read the article given out at the last Sunday Sanctuary lesson, please do so now:
[Four Marian Dogmas Article \(paper copy given out at Fr. Tilley's Sanctuary Lesson\)](#)

1. Opening Prayer (read together)

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone
who fled to your protection,
implored your help or sought your
intercession was left unaided,
Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto you,
O Virgin of Virgins, our Mother.
To you we come. Before you we kneel, sinful and
sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions,
But in your clemency, hear and answer them. Ameen.

2. Personal Connection

Parents- Reflect on then discuss the following:

How has Mary impacted your faith? Consider discussing the Rosary, Marian Apparitions, or Mary as our Heavenly Mother.

After sharing, ask your student:

Why do you think Mary has such an important role in the Catholic faith? What do you and/or your family do to honor Mary, the Mother of Jesus?

3. Activity

Find it Fast!

This activity is a race between student and parent to find the answers to each of the following questions. Grab a device and get ready to search. Who can find it first? On your mark, get set, go!

1. How many Vatican-approved Marian apparitions are there?
2. When is the feast day for Our Lady of Fatima?
3. Our Lady told Fransico of Fatima that he would go to Heaven if he did what?
4. What out of season flower did Mary have St. Juan Diego present to his Bishop in 1531?

Tie-Breaker

5. In what town was the first American Marian Apparition approved?

4. Circle of Grace Lesson

Click on the Circle of Grace Lesson for your student's specific grade from the list below:

[7th Grade](#) [8th Grade](#) [9th Grade*](#) [10th Grade](#) [11th Grade](#) [12th Grade](#)

Parents should read over the entire document before completing the lesson with the student.

Please note, pages 1-8 overview the Circle of Grace program and vocabulary taught at each grade level.

The lesson begins on page 9 of the document above and all needed materials are listed at the end of the PDF.

Page 9: Lesson Objectives

Page 9/10: Opening Prayer

Page 10/11+: Lesson including discussion questions and activities followed by reference materials

Once you have completed the Circle of Grace lesson with your student, please answer the Google Form Questions.

**9th Grade: We recommend you do Lesson 2 (pg. 15-22), but you are free to choose whichever lesson to do with your student that you deem appropriate.*

5. Closing (choose one or both)

Discuss takeaways and questions about Fr. Tilley's recent Sanctuary Lesson.

As a family, discuss your current prayer intentions and take a moment to pray together.

6. Activity Answers

1. 16 2. May 13th 3. Prayed many rosaries 4. Rose 5. Champion, WI