

**Start-Up/Third Grade Lesson Plans
Session 19 – The Rosary**

CFF students will pray the Rosary together. Please gather your class and bring them to the church. The short lesson is in case you have time left over when we have finished.

Materials needed:

- **“The Rosary” matching handout – 1 per child (in tub)**
- **Rosary handout answer sheet (in your notebook)**

Say:

- **How many of you have prayed the Rosary before?**
- **The Rosary is a gift from our heavenly mother, Mary. She gave it to St. Dominic to teach us about the important events in the life of Jesus.**
- **Mary says that miraculous things can be brought about by praying the Rosary, such as peace in the world.**
- **Mary also makes 15 promises to those who are devoted to praying her Rosary each day. These promises are pretty amazing – she promises great graces, delivery from Purgatory, a high degree of Glory in heaven and many other things.**
- **Each day as we pray the Rosary, we concentrate on different things that happened to Jesus in His life.**
- **These are called “mysteries” not because they are mysterious or hidden.**
- **Mystery comes from the Greek word – “mysterion” which means a sacramental sign. We know what that is don’t we!**

- **The mysteries of the Rosary bring the life of Jesus close to us. We can't see His life but when we pray the Rosary, Jesus' life becomes a part of ours in a very real way.**
- **Let's talk a little bit about the Mysteries and hopefully you will want to pray your Rosary each day or at least several times a week.**

JOYFUL MYSTERIES

- † **These are the joyful things that happened in the life of Jesus, such as the day that the Angel Gabriel told Mary she would have a baby who would be the Son of God or the day Jesus was actually born in Bethlehem.**
- † **The Joyful Mysteries remind us to be glad for all the good things we have in life.**

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

- † **These stories of Jesus tell about the things Jesus did that brought light to the world.**
- † **He turned the water into wine and showed people that He truly was God's Son, He took His friends up onto a high mountain where they saw Him shining in light, He gave His Body and Blood so that our sins would be forgiven and we could live in heaven with Him forever.**
- † **The Luminous Mysteries remind us to follow Jesus, the light of the world.**

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

- † **These are the stories that tell us what happened to Jesus when some people decided to put Him to death on a cross, even though He had done nothing wrong.**

- † **As we pray the Sorrowful Mysteries, we remember all that Jesus did for us and that He is always with us.**
- † **Even when things are very bad, God will make us strong enough to go on, just like Jesus.**
- † **They call “Good Friday” good, because God finally will bring good out of bad no matter how bad things are.**

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

- † **The stories of the Glorious Mysteries tell us what happened after Jesus died.**
- † **They are really well named because they’re truly glorious!**
- † **Jesus rises from the dead and is assumed into heaven! He sends the Holy Spirit to help us and brings Mary to live with Him in heaven.**
- † **He crowns Mary the Queen of Heaven and she becomes our heavenly mother who watches over us with love and care.**
- † **The Glorious Mysteries say that someday God will invite you into heaven. There, Jesus has a place for you. He sends the Holy Spirit to help you get there.**
- † **Our lives don’t end in a grave. God gives us a new life that will never end and it is more beautiful than we can ever imagine.**
- † **How glorious is that?!!!**

If you have time, complete the Rosary handout together.

Say:

Now that we know what the word “Mysteries” means, let’s see if we can connect the right stories of Jesus’ life to their titles.