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of God
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The Lives of the Saints

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Mary was the first disciple of Jesus. She was the first person to know that Jesus was the Messiah. By learning about Mary's life, we can also learn what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

Make a card to thank Mary for showing us how to follow Jesus. Cut out the card below and fold it on the dotted line. Choose a Bible story about Mary. Inside your card, draw a picture of this story.

*Thank
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Read one of the following stories from the Gospels:

- ☐ The Visitation (Luke 1:39–56)
- ☐ The Visit from the Shepherds (Luke 2:8–20)
- ☐ The Wedding at Cana (John 2:1–11)
- ☐ The Crucifixion of Jesus (John 19:26–27)

Reflect on the story you read. Ask yourself: *What does this story tell me about Mary? What does Mary show me about being a disciple of Jesus?*

In the box below, write an e-mail to a friend. Share with this friend what you have learned about Mary.

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MARY SCRIPTURE QUEST

1. Write the reference from Scripture including the book, chapter, and verse in which Mary first appears. _____
2. What are Mary's first words in Scripture? _____
3. How does Mary respond to the angel's proposal in Lk 1:38? _____

4. Where does Mary live, as stated in Lk 1:26? _____
5. Mary was betrothed to _____
6. This man was a descendent of _____
7. What does Mary say to Jesus in John 2:3? _____

8. What does Mary say to the servants in John 2? _____

9. Describe what is happening in John 19:25-27. _____

10. Mary's prayer of praise in Lk 1:46-55 is called the Magnificat or the Cantic of Mary. Find it, then record it here. _____

Floral Reflections on the Hail Mary



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Mary understood throughout her life how richly God had blessed her. The lily is a symbol of Mary's purity and openness to God's will. Reflect upon this beautiful image and how you might open yourself more fully to God's grace.

Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus.

We honor Mary as the mother of Jesus and as our mother as well. The strawberry plant symbolizes Mary's fruitfulness. Enjoy the pleasure of eating a strawberry or other piece of fruit. Reflect on how God is calling you to be the bearer of life to all those you meet today.



Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners...

We turn to Mary as an intercessor, one who prays on our behalf. The lily of the valley is also known as "Our Lady's Tears" due to the shape of the small blossoms. Let Mary's compassion and kindness wash over you when asking her for prayers of comfort and consolation.

Now and at the hour of our death.

The Rosary includes meditations on both the joys and sorrows in Mary's life. The rose has symbolized these mysteries since ancient times. As Mary stood vigil beneath her Son's cross, let her faith and trust be a model of hope and inspiration for you each and every day of your life.





With Flowers for Mary

*In this month, let's think about
all mothers:*

*Those who are with us and those who are gone,
who like angels keep protecting us.*

*We ask you Lord to protect all mothers, may you enlighten
them in these times of many changes, so they can continue
bringing your love to their families.*

*Mary, mother of Jesus and our mother, we commend our
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Praying with Mary



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Holy Mary, mother of God,
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Amen.



HAIL, HOLY QUEEN

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy,
hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To you we cry, the children of Eve;
to you we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this land of exile.
Turn, then, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy toward us;
lead us home at last and show us
the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus:
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

THE ANGELUS

The angel spoke God's message to Mary,
and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary...

"I am the lowly servant of the Lord:
let it be done to me according to your word."

Hail Mary...

And the Word became flesh
and lived among us.

Hail Mary...

Pray for us, holy Mother of God,
That we may become worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Lord,
fill our hearts with your grace:
once, through the message of an angel
you revealed to us the Incarnation of your Son;
now through his suffering and death
lead us to the glory of his resurrection.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



THE MEMORARE

Remember, most loving Virgin Mary,
never was it heard
that anyone who turned to you for help
was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence,
though burdened by my sins,
I run to your protection for you are my mother.

Mother of the Word of God,
do not despise my words of pleading
but be merciful and hear my prayer.
Amen.



Prayer to Our Lady of Divine Providence

Oh, divine providence, give me your mercy
and your infinite goodness!

Kneeling at your feet, you who are wonder and charity,
I pray for my family: home, clothes, and livelihood.
Give them health; take them on the right track.
May your virtue always guide them in
their destinies.

You are all my hope, you are my comfort,
I believe in you, in you I hope and trust.
Your divine providence extends to all times,
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So be it!



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Our Lady of Guadalupe, my mother,
into your hands joined in prayer,
take my prayers,
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and present them to Jesus for me.
Remembering the love
and care your hands rendered to Him,
He will not refuse what they hold now,
even though they are from me.
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Dear Mother Our Lady Aparecida,
you who love us and guide us every day.
You who are the most beautiful Mother
whom I love with all my heart,
I ask you again to help me achieve this grace:

I know you will help me and I know that you will always
accompany me until the hour of my death.

Amen.



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