

Covenant keepers-Lesson Plan

Book 8- LESSON 15

Mary, The Mother and the Model of the Church

Objective:

1. Mother Mary became our mother by participating in God's salvific plan with Jesus.
2. Mary is the symbol and model of the Church.
3. Marian devotion enhances our love for Jesus.

Starter:-

Show Pictures of Mother Mary,

Ask students to list Important Feast days of Mother Mary,

Ask students about different apparitions of Mother Mary and may show related pictures.

4. Presentation of the Lesson:

Begin the class by putting up an open question: "How many of us recite the rosary every day?" Let the children open up themselves. Let them be genuine and could thus start with our personal experience of reciting the rosary. Invite students to share their reflections on why Mother Mary is considered the model of faith from what they could have heard from their parents or relatives. We could relate our relationship with our mother with our spiritual mother.

Mother Mary exemplifies the ideal disciple of Christ through her obedience, faith, and humility. Catholics see her as a model of how to live a life fully committed to God's will, just as the Church seeks to follow Christ. By studying and venerating Mary, Catholic Christians are reminded of the Church's mission to embody Christ's love and serve as a beacon of faith in the world.

Habit formation

- a) Recitation of the Rosary every day together in the family.

Bible Verse:- Jn 19:27

Activities:

To create a foundation of understanding about Mother Mary's significance in the catholic faith, some games that would trigger children's curiosity are as follows:

- a) Find the Image:** Pictures of Mary in the Gospel as well as from various Shrines could be shown to the children for which they shall answer what incident is being depicted or where the picture belongs. For the pictures of the Mary from various shrines, children shall identify the place where it originated. The teacher may also guide the students if they can't answer appropriately.
- b) How Many Marys:** Ask the children to take a piece of paper individually and enlist the different apparitions of Mary that they know. The child with the highest number of enlisted apparitions shall be rewarded.
- c) Mysteries and Mary:** Divide the children into 4 groups and ask them to enact a tableau on the different mysteries of the Holy Rosary. As one group completes enacting the set of mysteries of the rosary as was instructed to them, teachers shall ask for children from other groups who memorize the 5 mysteries of the enacted mysteries and could reward the first one to respond appropriately. And similarly then call upon the next group to present.