

WALKING by FAITH

Grade 2 / Home Lesson

CHAPTER 4

WE CELEBRATE MARY: SAYING YES TO GOD

Objectives

- Compare our choices with Mary's saying yes to God.
- Recognize that Mary freely chose to be Jesus' mother.
- Identify Mary as our mother, too.
- State the meaning of the Hail Mary.
- Identify the Feast of the Annunciation as the commemoration of the Angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary.

Step 1: *We Are Invited* (Life Experience), page 26

Invite your child to describe important choices he or she has made. Share some of your own important choices. Together pray the opening **Prayer** on page 26.

Read aloud or summarize **Mary's Answer**. Use the **Language of Faith** at the back of the textbook to further explain the term *angels*. See also the "Prayer to the Guardian Angel" on page 175. What important choice do you think God asked Mary to make? (whether she would agree to become the mother of Jesus)

Draw attention to the illustration of the Angel Gabriel bringing God's message to Mary. Read the caption and answer the question there. (We learn about what God wants for us from our families, teachers, people in the parish, the Bible, prayer, the commandments, and so on.)

Step 2: *We Explore* (Doctrine), page 27

Read aloud or summarize **Blessed Are You** and **Catholics Believe** on page 27. Emphasize that Mary cares for us as her own children.

Call attention to the chart. Read the lines of the Hail Mary on the left, and then use the column on the right to explain what the words mean.

Help your child learn this prayer by practicing the Hail Mary with him or her. Encourage your child to pray this prayer whenever he or she has an important choice to make.

Step 3: We Reflect (Integration of Faith into Everyday Life), page 28

Review the lesson by discussing **Recall, Think and Share, Continue the Journey**. Have your child complete the activity.

Read **We Live Our Faith: At Home and In the Parish**. Try to follow through on the suggestions found there.

Refer to the **Language of Faith** section in the back of the textbook for clarification and review of all highlighted words.

Complete the **Faith Journal**, pages 7 and 8.

Step 4: We Celebrate (Prayer and Conclusion), page 29

Turn to page 29 and read **Remembering Mary's Yes**. Refer to the **Language of Faith** section to clarify the term *Annunciation*. Explain that God's announcement to Mary is the fulfillment of the promise to send the savior. We celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation on March 25, nine months before the birth of Jesus.

Talk about the images of Mary on this page. If you have a statue or picture of Mary in your home, place it near your displayed Bible for a week or two. Close the lesson by praying the Hail Mary with your child.

For additional activities contact your director of religious education or teacher regarding *Reproducible Activities*, pages 10–12.