Activities for 3rd Grade – Chapter 29

**Lesson 1** – Create a story book about the life of Mary. Brainstorm all the events in Mary’s life that the class can remember. Put the events in chronological order. Assign a group or individual to illustrate and write two or three sentences describing each event. Put the pictures and descriptions together into a book. (Extension-invite students from an older grade to edit the descriptions; share the book with students in a younger grade)

**Lesson 2** – Play a memory game with sacramentals. Gather twenty or twenty-five sacramentals (different medals, rosaries, holy cards, small crucifixes and statues, etc.) Spread them out on a central table and cover with a cloth. Have the students gather around the table. Take of the cloth and let the students look at the table for 2 minutes. Cover the items with a cloth and have the students return to their desks. Give the students five minutes to write down as many sacramentals as they can remember from the collection on the table. Give extra points for details such as the picture on the holy card, color of the rosaries, or person depicted on the metal.

**Lesson 3** – Like any mom, Mary loves to get flowers. St. Therese said that every Hail Mary we pray is like giving a flower to Mary. Have the students make a bouquet of flowers for Mary. Create flowers using construction paper or other materials. For each flower, invite them to say a Hail Mary. Place the flowers around a classroom stature of Mary.

**Lesson 4** – Use a wall calendar to mark the special Marian feast days. Using a blue crayon or colored pencil, have the students color each date of a Marian feast. Some Catholic Calendars will have the Marian feasts already marked. It might be helpful to have a list of Marian feasts for each children to find and mark on their own.