

**CCD GRADE 4: JESUS OUR GUIDE**

Chapter [29]: [Our Mother, Mary]

 PREPARATION – How to Get Ready

Teacher’s Manual: pp. 356-363

Materials: Bible, paper, pencils

 PROCLAMATION – Main Theme

Mary was chosen by God. She is our mother and intercessor.

 EXPLANATION – Content of Lesson

* Mary is the New Eve.
* As an introduction watch the video on Mary.
* Compare Mary and Eve; pointing out that Mary is what Eve was meant to be.
* The Immaculate Conception is the special gift God gave to Mary in keeping her free from sin from the first moment of her life.
* Review that Mary was conceived immaculately, without original sin.
* God’s taking Mary, body and soul to heaven at the end of her life is called the Assumption.
* Review the difference between the Ascension and the Assumption
* Teach the facts about the Assumption, that Mary was assumed body and soul into Heaven.
* Mary is our mother and intercedes with her Son for us so that we will follow Jesus.
* Discuss what it means to be a mother? What are some things you love about your mom?
* Read John 19:25-27
* What does it mean that Mary is our Mother?
* At the wedding at Cana Mary asked Jesus to help when the wine ran out, and Jesus turned water into wine. Mary said. “Do whatever He tells you.”
* Read/act out John 2:1-11;
* Discuss the event
* Point out that Jesus listened to Mary when she brought the need of the couple to Him and that she does the same for us.
* Activity: write a letter to Mary as your Mother. Include some needs that you want her to bring to Jesus.

 APPLICATION – Connecting it to Students

* Make connections between their mom and Mary, our Mother. How could you say yes to God like Mary did?
* Have the students write a letter to Mary, their Mother, including things that they want her to intercede for.
* <http://safeshare.tv/w/SpblCpXByD> What is the Immaculate Conception? Gives background info on Mary

 CELEBRATION - Conclusion

* Pray the Memorare