

Chapter 12: Mary Said Yes

Mary said yes to God's plan.

Chapter Summary

God's promise for a Savior became a reality when the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she was to be the Mother of God and Mary said yes. Mary loved and trusted God, and she is a model for us as disciples of Jesus. Jesus is fully God and fully man. He has a divine nature and a human nature. Jesus became human so that He could be with us to heal us, take away our sins, and give us the grace to be able to love like God loves. When Mary visited Elizabeth, John the Baptist leaped for joy because he was in the presence of the Savior. Mary is our Mother in Heaven, and she will lead us to her Son.

More for Parents

Mary is the model for all Christians. By God's grace, Mary lived with perfect virtue. We should follow Mary's example and always say yes to God's grace. Mary is in Heaven, looking down at us and praying for us. Jesus gave her to us as a Mother to help us know her Son. As a family, turn to the Blessed Mother and she will lead you to her Son. Beginning with one Hail Mary a day, place your family under her mantle and see where she leads you.

Virtue in the Family

God gives each of us what we need to become a saint. He gives us grace and virtue to be holy and to make good decisions. He even gives us the saints as examples to model ourselves after. By God's grace, only Mary lived the theological virtues perfectly.

To Jesus through Mary

- Pray a decade of the Rosary (one Our Father, ten Hail Marys, and one Glory Be) together each day.
 - Tip: Before each decade, ask to be strengthened in one of the theological virtues: faith, hope, or charity.

- Choose one or more of the passages in the Gospels that tell us about the Virgin Mary. Discuss how Mary perfectly models faith, hope, and charity.
 - The Annunciation: Luke 1:26–38
 - The Visitation: Luke 1:39–56
 - The Wedding Feast at Cana: John 2:1–11
 - At the foot of the Cross: John 19:17–27
- Display an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary in your home. In October and May (or at other times), place flowers in front of Mary to honor her.
- When you wash your hands, pray a Hail Mary. It is the perfect length of time to wash your hands effectively!

Vocabulary Words for Your Children to Review

- **obedience**

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