

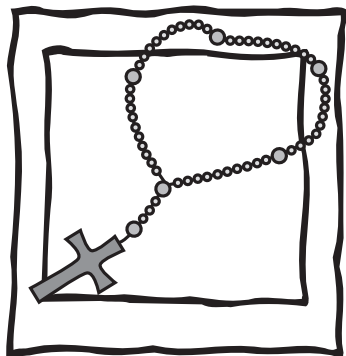
Hopscotch Rosary



Use chalk in driveway and create a decade of the Rosary.

or

Children can simply HOP
for each
"Hail Mary said.



Rosary Activity Center

Family Handout: Instructions

Make this treasured prayer even more precious by praying it on a rosary that you and your family have made with your own hands and hearts.

Instructions:

Select a bag of supplies. Each kit will include 53 beads of one color for each Hail Mary, 6 beads of a different color for each Our Father, one crucifix, and a piece of cord with a dot marked six inches from one end.

Sort the Hail Mary beads into 5 groups of 10 and one group of 3. Put the 6 Our Father beads together. Stretch out the piece of cord, straightening out any kinks.

Steps:

1. Find the dot on the cord and tie a knot there. *[See tip below.]*
2. String 10 Hail Mary beads onto the long end of the cord. Slide them down so that they line up above the knot.
3. Tie another knot above the 10 beads, leaving a little space for them to slide.
4. Add an Our Father bead and tie another knot.
5. Continue the three previous steps until you have 5 sets of 10 beads, but don't add the fifth Our Father bead yet.
6. Tie a knot at the end. Then, tie both ends together, forming a circle of beads. Pull that knot tight. Dab a little adhesive or clear nail polish on the knot to secure it.
7. Add one Our Father bead to the longer piece of cord.
8. Tie a knot, and then add three Hail Mary beads.
9. Tie a knot, add the last Our Father bead and tie another knot.
10. Secure the crucifix by tying a double knot. Pull the knot tight and dab a little adhesive or clear nail polish on it.
11. Once the adhesive or nail polish is dry, clip off the excess cords, hold your rosary, and say a prayer for your family.
12. You may wish to have your rosary blessed by a priest.

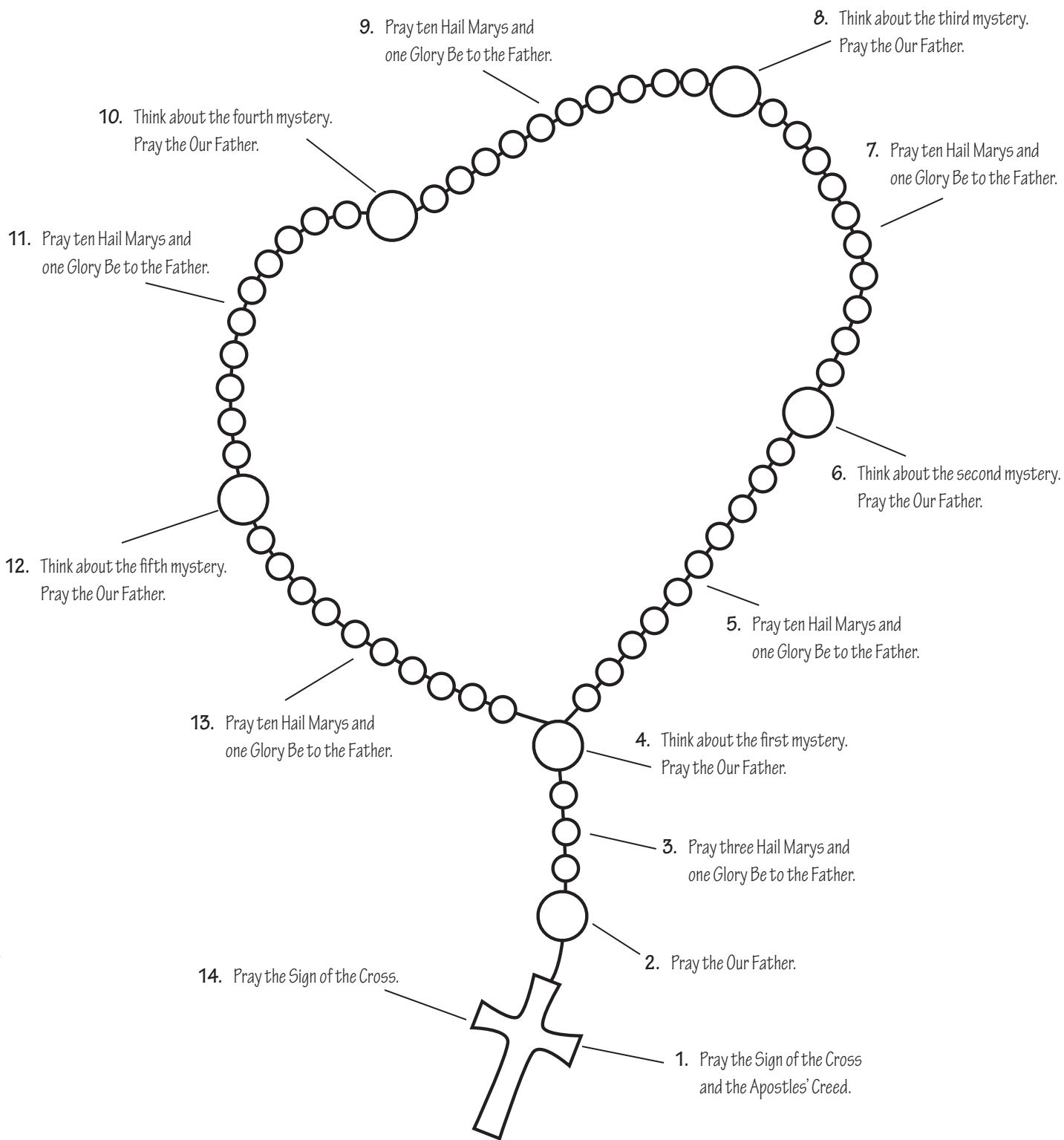
How to Tie Knots: First, determine where you want the knot to be. Second, make a loose knot near that point. Take the tip of a toothpick and, threading through the loose knot, press down on the spot on the cord where you want to place the knot. Then gently slide and tighten the loose knot around the point of the toothpick.



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Family Handout: Prayers

The Rosary is a prayer that engages both the hands and the heart. The feel of the rosary beads and the repetition of the prayers soothe and prepare us to open our hearts to God. Each mystery tells a story from the lives of Jesus and Mary. Praying the Rosary helps us share in their experiences.



How to Pray the Rosary

First, choose a set of mysteries from below:

The Five Joyful Mysteries...

Monday, Saturday, and Sundays of Advent

1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Nativity
4. The Presentation in the Temple
5. The Finding in the Temple

The Five Sorrowful Mysteries

Tuesday, Friday, and Sundays of Lent

1. The Agony in the Garden
2. The Scourging at the Pillar
3. The Crowning with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion and Death

The Five Glorious Mysteries

Wednesday and Sundays outside of Lent and Advent

1. The Resurrection
2. The Ascension
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit
4. The Assumption
5. The Coronation of Mary

The Five Luminous Mysteries

Thursday

1. The Baptism of Christ in the Jordan
2. The Wedding Feast at Cana
3. Jesus' Proclamation of the Coming of the Kingdom of God
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Eucharist as a Sacrament

Begin prayers by holding the Crucifix and reciting The Apostles Creed. Then follow the arrows along the beads, saying the prayers as indicated. When two or more are praying the Rosary together, the Leader recites the part of the prayer printed in bold and the others recite the rest of the prayer together.

Prayers prayed during the recitation of the rosary: **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He arose from the dead. He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

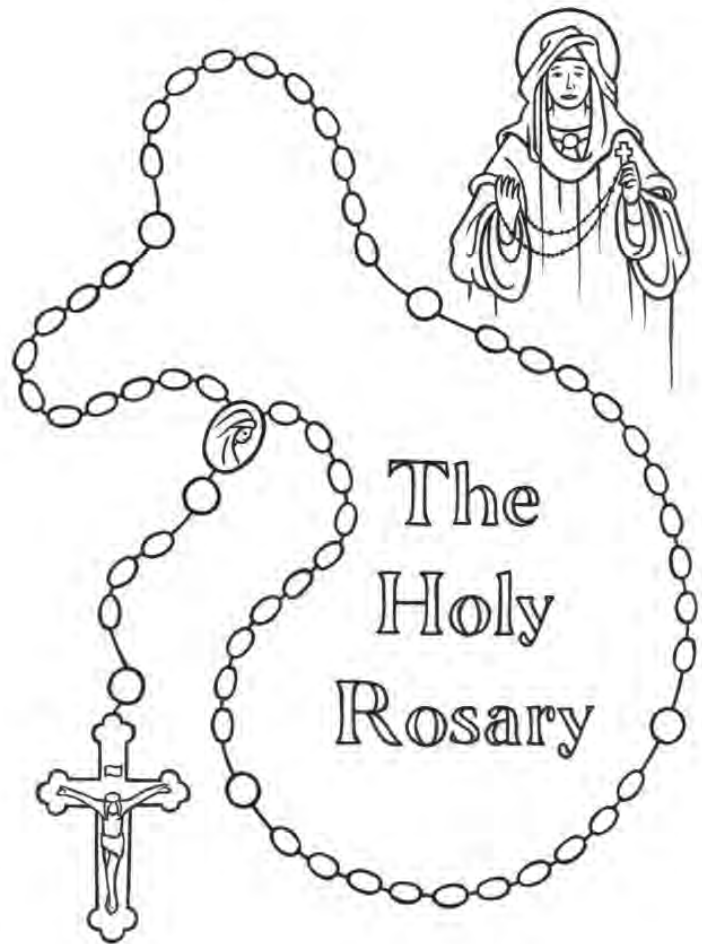
The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

You may add after each Glory Be: "Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy Mercy."



Joyful Mysteries

Hail Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen,
Mother of mercy, hail, our life,
our sweetness and our hope.

To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve:
to thee do we send up our sighs,
Mourning and weeping in this vale of tears
Turn then, most gracious Advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us,
and after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit
of thy womb, Jesus,
O merciful, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!
Pray for us O holy Mother of God!
Amen.



Sorrowful Mysteries



Glory Be

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Our Father

Our Father, Who art in Heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.



Glorious Mysteries

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Our Father

Our Father, who art in Heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.



Luminous Mysteries



Glory Be

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Our Father

Our Father, Who art in Heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

