

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

MAISY MILK ROSARY FOR PEACE



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ASSEMBLY 2

The first assembly was about Maisy, this second installment is about the rosary and why it is important.

TIME: 15-30 MINUTES (depending on how much time you want to spend explaining the rosary and doing the activity). The activity can be continued in class with the worksheet provided.

PREPARATION

1. Ensure you have sound for the Maisy Milk animation (slide 5)
2. Print slides 6-15 and plan for ten children to hold them up and read them out. If you have time, you could ask the audience to vote for which reason they like best and explain why a particular reason spoke to them.

SLIDE 1

Title slide.



SLIDE 2

Explain that this is going to be a special week. Children from across the UK will be praying the Maisy Milk Rosary for peace this week.

SLIDE 3-4

Some examples of places where ACN has helped people. Say that the children in these parts of the world pray the rosary too and that we are all unified with each other as part of the Body of Christ.

SLIDE 5

Maisy animation (for script and question see below).

SLIDES 6-15

See above 'Preparation'. The ten pupils could say a few words about each reason. If you were doing this with a smaller group you could position the ten children around the room and ask the audience to 'vote' for which one they like best by standing with the child holding the slide.

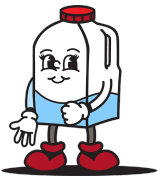
SLIDE 16 -17

These two slides explain how to pray the rosary using the examples of the first two Joyful Mysteries. You may want to use these separately.

SLIDE 18

End slide.





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SCRIPT FROM MAISY MILK ANIMATION: Rosary Introduction

Maisy: When we were born, we were given a very special gift of baptism. It meant that we joined God's family all around the world and that as part of that big family, we all look after each other. As a family we pray together. Prayer is another special gift. It is like a superpower that we have that can help fight against all the bad things in the world and Mary the mother of God is brilliant at listening to our prayers and helping us.

Strawberry Yogurt Stanley: Didn't God tell us not to fight? What might God want us to fight?

Maisy: There's only one thing God wants us to fight against – and that is the bad things in the world. We need to be strong and use our superpower of prayer to fight evil. We can all be superheroes when we pray the Rosary and ask Our Lady to help our family around the world to be strong against the bad people and bad things that happen to them and us. So, pick up your Rosary beads and feel God's help shower down on us and everyone we are praying for.

Over two-hundred years ago, Our Lady, Jesus' mother, appeared to three children in a place called Fatima in a country called Portugal. She asked them to pray the rosary for peace and told them she is 'Our Lady of the Rosary.'

Strawberry Yogurt Stanley: So, we pray the Rosary for Peace because Our Lady asked us to...

Maisy: Yes, and because it has power to stop wars and lead us all closer to God.

Strawberry Yogurt Stanley: So that's why Aid to the Church in Need have a special Maisy Milk Rosary in May?

Maisy: Yes! Please join with us in praying the Rosary all through May. It's a very special prayer – it's simple, yet powerful, so we are so excited to learn more about it and to pray with you in May. Please join ACN UK and learn more about your super-power of prayer and how you can help bring peace to the world.

WHY IS THE ROSARY SPECIAL WORKSHEET?

This sheet could be used in a number of ways – here are some suggestions:

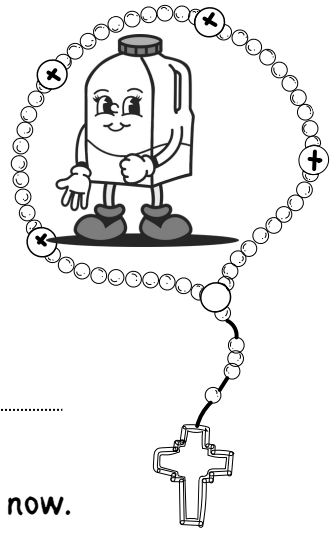
1. Cut up the reasons and give one each in groups of two or three and ask them to discuss and feedback.
2. Pupils have a sheet each or one between two and order the reasons.
3. Choose nine and make a 'Diamond Nine'.
4. Make a classroom display with the reasons (plus their own reasons) written in circles to represent rosary beads.



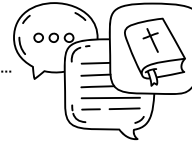
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THE ROSARY IS SPECIAL BECAUSE:



It is based on the Bible.



The Bible is the LIVING Word of God.



When we join our hearts to the words, stories and messages found in the Bible, we are joining ourselves to God, here and now.



We stand with Our Lady, looking at Jesus and God's plan for us all. God hears our prayers. He listened to his mother, Mary, when on earth and he listens to her now.



When we pray the rosary we are asking Mary to pray with us.



Our Lady told the children at Fatima that praying the rosary brings God's love to the lives to those who pray it, their loved ones and the world. This is called giving us graces and blessings. God wants to give us graces and blessings but he waits for us to ask.



We are being unselfish when we pray for others.

It is an act of love to pray for others.



The rosary contains the Hail Mary - the first part of the Hail Mary is a direct quote from the bible. The second part is asking her to pray with us.



The rosary contains the 'Our Father'. Jesus gave us this prayer. It takes trust to pray the rosary. Sometimes it seems repetitive, but we trust that God blesses our efforts.

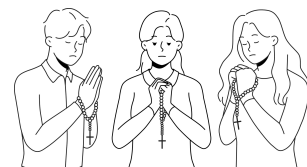


The Bible is not a 'dead' book. It is alive in a way that each time we read it prayerfully, God speaks to our hearts and understands our situations.



The rosary is powerful. It defeats evil and sin. We want to help people who are suffering. One way of doing this is through the rosary.

The whole Church prays the rosary, so we are united with each other as one Body of Christ when we pray it.



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