

## Pray With Mary

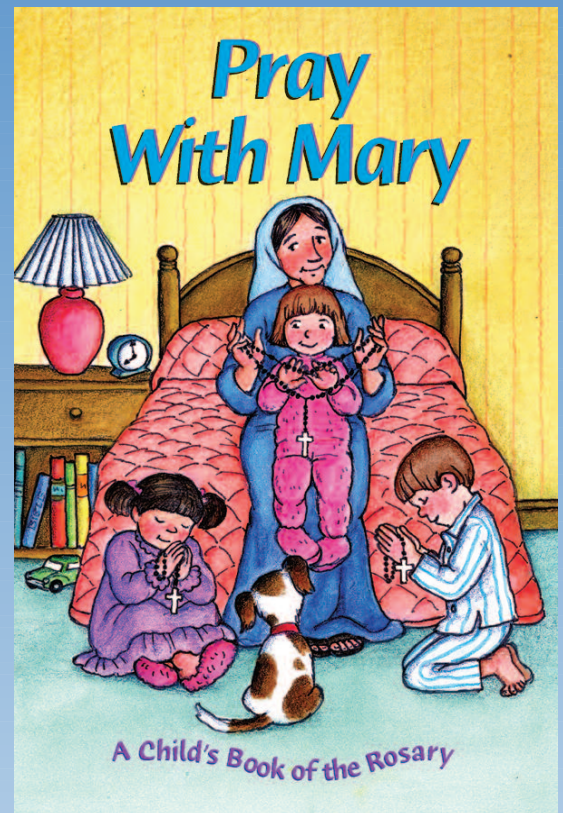
### A Child's Book of the Rosary

Nothing says “Catholic” like the rosary. That familiar string of beads is a common identifier of our Catholic tradition of honoring Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Because the rosary is such an integral part of our Catholic heritage, every Catholic child deserves to know why we pray it and how to pray it.

Activities engage the children in this hands-on tool for showing the connections the rosary makes for us to Mary, God, the universal Church, and the world. A total of 25 activities includes favorite formats like dot-to-dot, coloring, decoding, rebuses, drawing, crossword puzzles, crafts, and more.

#### Activities include:

- “Fill and Feel”: Create a rosary with a pencil on the illustration provided, then “feel the beads” by lightly touching the backside of the page.
- “Creed Connections”: Children learn the prayers of the rosary and see the connections between those prayers, the Trinity, and the core beliefs of our faith.
- “A-maze-ing Faith”: A three-way maze connects our hearts to God and our actions to love.
- Various activity formats – including drawing, decoding, dot-to-dot, and picture clues – show practical corollaries between each set of mysteries and a child's life today.



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## Think About It!

Every day is filled with connections!

- Telephones connect us with family and friends.
- Photographs connect us with memories.
- The internet connects us to the world!

What other connections can you think of?

Every day, prayer connects us with God. And every day, things connect us with prayer. Anytime!

- Rainbows connect us with praise.
- Meals connect us with table grace.
- Candles connect us with quiet time.

A rosary connects us with prayer, too. Anytime! A rosary is a string of beads all connected together in a loop. These beads connect us to prayer in a BIG way. This prayer is the “rosary.”

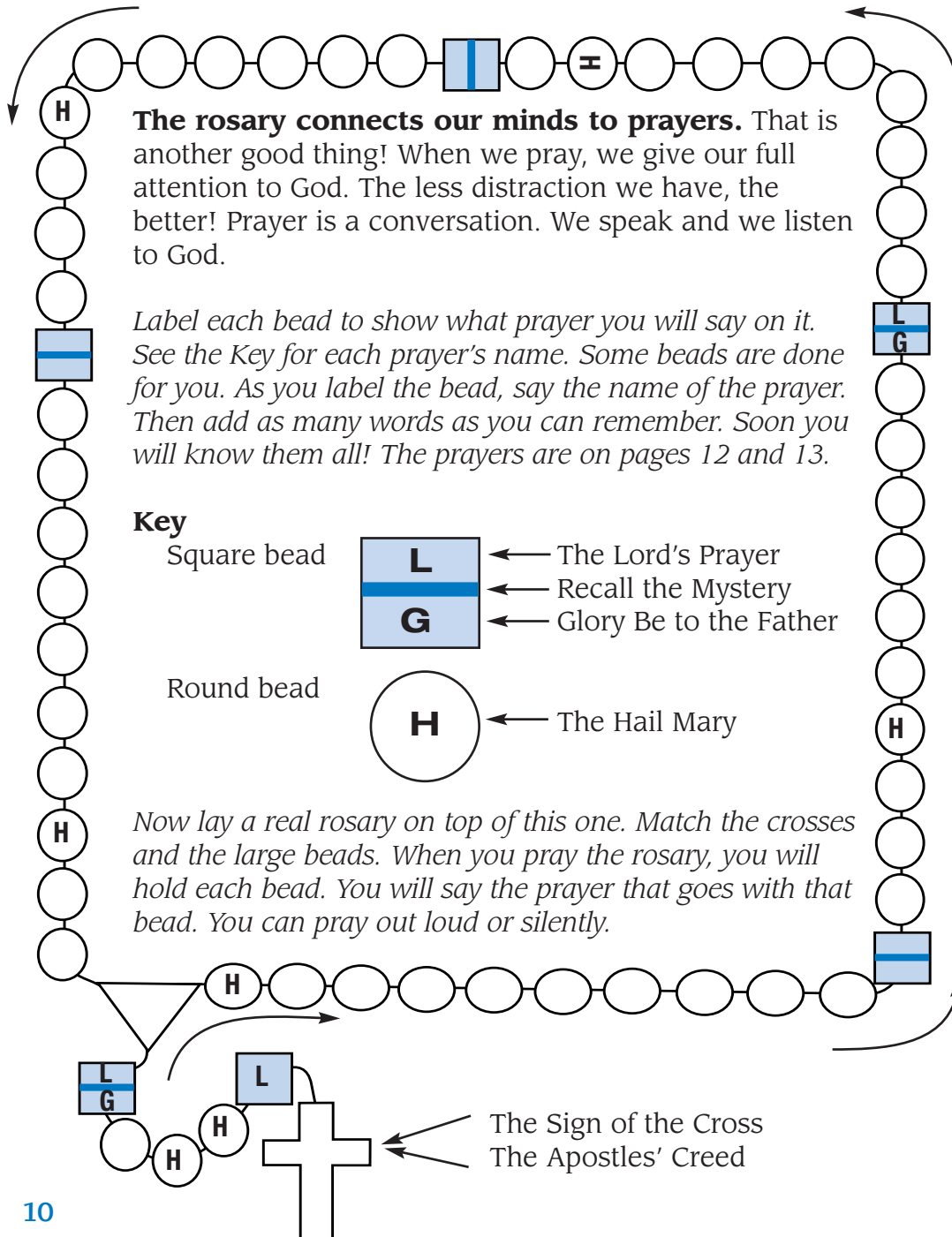
The rosary is full of connections! An important connection is this: The rosary connects us to Mary, the Mother of God. When we pray the rosary, we pray with Mary.

The rosary also connects us to our BIG Catholic family. In the past, our ancestors prayed with Mary. The rosary connects us to them. Today, Catholics everywhere pray with Mary. The rosary connects us to them, too. And, soon, you will be saying the rosary, too! This book will get you started. Soon you’ll see all kinds of connections!

*Use a pencil. Circle the word “connect” wherever you see it on this page. (It can be part of a bigger word.) Lightly shade in the circles. These are like beads. Now draw a line from circle to circle. This is like string. See how it connects the beads?*



## Label & Learn





## Confident Connections

Mary helps with Jesus' mission. She says, "Yes!" to God. She shares God's love when she prays with us. When we pray with Mary, we say "Yes!" to God, too.

*Mary is confident that God loves us and lives in us. Confident means sure. Are you confident God lives in us? Look at these pictures. Say them out loud. Listen carefully. Then write each word on the line below.*



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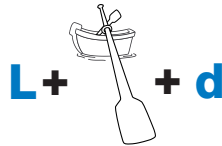
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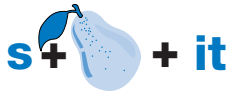
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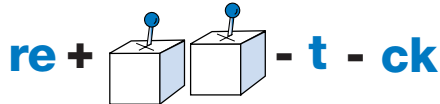
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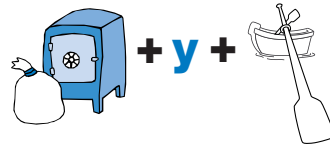
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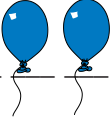



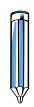



Luke 1:46

*This is the first line in a beautiful prayer of Mary's called the "Magnificat." You can read the whole prayer in Luke 1:46-55.*

## Creative Connections

There are many ways to help Jesus with his mission. If you can imagine a way, you can pray about it. If you can pray about it, you can help to make it happen!

*Imagine this! Fill in the letters below. Hint: The pictures show you the shape of the letter and the answer itself.*

1. Imagine a rosary made of h a l l s s that lift your prayers to God. 
2. Imagine a rosary made of                      for sharing after Mass on Sunday mornings.
3. Imagine a rosary made of                      for sharing with people who are poor.
4. Imagine a rosary made of                      for thanking the teachers at your school.
5. Imagine a rosary made of                                for writing letters to people who are lonely.
6. Imagine a rosary made of                      for enjoying creation!
7. Imagine a rosary made of                      to read with your friends.
8. Imagine a rosary made of                      prints from your classmates, family, or friends.

### Word List

apples	books	donuts	pencils
balloons	coins	flowers	thumb

*What are some more ways to help with Jesus' mission?*