

LESSON 15

Mary, the Mother and Model of the Church

I. Preface:

Jesus has entrusted each one of us to His mother while entrusting His beloved disciple John to His Mother. Therefore we are obliged to seek her intercession and follow her example. This is the message that the children should get from this lesson.

II. Objectives of teaching this lesson:

1. Conviction

- While on the Cross, Jesus gave his Mother to us as our Mother.
- Mary is the Mother, Symbol and Model of the church.
- Just as Mary, we should grow in Faith, Charity and Fidelity to the Lord.
- Marian devotion can be expressed through the recitation of Rosary, Pilgrimage to Marian Shrines, Observance of fast and abstinence and celebration of Marian feasts.
- In our Oriental Church the 'Yama Prarthana' and the special devotion of Mary on Wednesdays reflect our devotion to St. Mary.

2. Attitude

- Love and dependence on St. Mary.
- Desire to live according to the will of God, following the example of Mother Mary.

3. Resolution

- I will grow in devotion to Mary
- I will recite Rosary daily.

III. Teaching Aids:

Picture of St. Mary, Apostolic teachings about St. Mary, Chart showing the feast-days of St. Mary, Verse-cards, Rosary, The Bible, Documents of the Vatican Council.

IV. Presenting the lesson:

Begin the lesson by showing the picture of St. Mary standing at the foot of the Cross. Let the students recite verses which explain the qualities of St. Mary. Make a chart of such Verses. Make the students aware of different ways to imbibe Marian devotion.

V. Lesson-based activities: (Same as in the 1st lesson)

a. Know the Mother Church:

Read: 'Synodal News' Volume 1-5.

b. Answers

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VI. Supplementary activities:

1. Introduce the Ecclesiastical Teachings named 'Rosary of St. Mary'.
2. Visit a church in the name of St. Mary and pray.