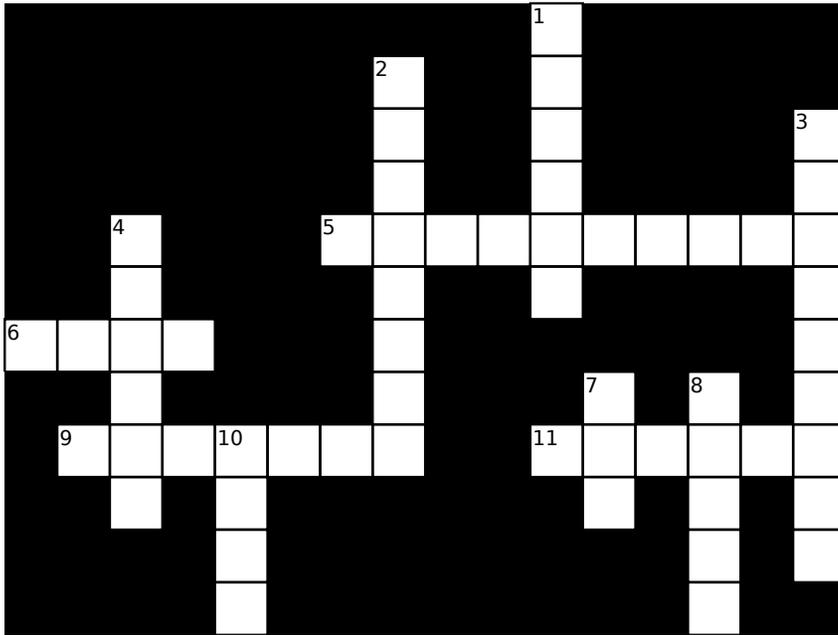


CROSSWORD



Across

- 5 The words we hear Mary speak in the Gospel can be sung during a service in what's called The _____.
- 6 Today we celebrate the feast of St. _____, Mother of our Lord.
- 9 Mary speaks about God's promise of a _____.
- 11 Mary married _____ when she was young.

Down

- 1 Mary became pregnant by the Holy _____.
- 2 Mary was from _____.
- 3 Jesus was born to Mary in _____.
- 4 Mary said, God "has helped his servant _____."
- 7 Jesus was the Son of _____.
- 8 The angel Gabriel told Mary to name her son _____.
- 10 Mary said, "My _____ magnifies the Lord."

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LESSONS FOR LAMBS

ST. MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD (AUGUST 15)

The color for St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord, is white.



What to listen for during the service?

Today we celebrate the feast of Mary, mother of Jesus. Listen for when we hear about Mary in the service. What do we hear about her? In the Gospel reading today we hear Mary speak about the promises of God. These words are sometimes sung during a worship service in what is called "The Magnificat." Did you sing The Magnificat or some other hymn about Mary during the service today?

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:46-55

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

46 And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48 for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; 49 for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. 50 And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. 51 He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; 52 he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; 53 he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. 54 He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, 55 as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) Mary praises God and speaks about God's promises in the Gospel reading today. Mary says these things after an angel told her she would have a son who would be the Messiah that she should name Jesus. Read the words again, was Mary happy or sad about what the angel told her?
- 2) List some things Mary says about what God has done.
- 3) What does proud mean? What does humble mean? Is it better to be proud or humble?
- 4) Mary says God has "helped his servant Israel" in his mercy and spoke "to Abraham and to his offspring forever." How do we hear He helped them? Are you a part of Abraham's offspring? Does God remember you and send His Messiah for you too?

People of the Bible: Mary

Today we celebrate the feast of St. Mary, the Mother of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Mary was from Nazareth and was engaged and married to Joseph when she was young. The angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her she would have a son who was the Son of God, and she was to name Him Jesus. She then became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. In the reading today, Mary magnifies the Lord, which means she gives Him

glory and sings praise to Him. In this praise Mary proclaims the strength of the Lord and His promise of the Messiah. She wants to serve God in this way that He has asked her. God gave Mary the strength to do as He asked of her in faith, and Jesus was born to Mary in Bethlehem. Mary raised Jesus as a child, and was with Him throughout His life and ministry until His death on the cross and resurrection. The words in the reading today are often called "The Magnificat." Sometimes The Magnificat is sung during a church service.

HYMN – "By All Your Saints in Warfare"

- 1 By all Your saints in warfare,
For all Your saints at rest,
Your holy name, O Jesus,
Forevermore be blest!
For You have won the battle
That they might wear the crown;
And now they shine in glory
Reflected from Your throne.
- 2 We sing with joy of Mary,
Whose heart with awe was stirred
When, youthful and astonished,
She heard the angel's word.
Yet she her voice upraises
To magnify God's name,
As once for our salvation
Your mother she became.
- 3 Then let us praise the Father
And worship God the Son
And sing to God the Spirit,
Eternal Three in One,
Till all the ransomed number
Fall down before the throne,
Ascribing pow'r and glory
And praise to God alone.