

God Called Mary

Keep these ideas in mind as you study *Chapter 4*.

❖ At the Annunciation, the angel Gabriel told Mary that God had chosen her to be the mother of Jesus. Mary said yes to God's call. She said she would be his handmaid and do his will. When we pray the Hail Mary, we say the beautiful words said to Mary at the Annunciation.

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❖ Our Lady of the Rosary appeared to three children—Lucy, Francisco, and Jacinta. They lived in Fatima, a small village in Portugal. Her message was one of peace. She said that praying, seeking forgiveness, and following Mary's examples would help promote peace.

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❖ Prayers, objects, and blessings given by the Church to help us grow in our spiritual life are called sacramentals. The Rosary is a sacramental. Each decade of the Rosary begins with an Our Father and ends with a Glory Be to the Father.

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❖ There are 20 mysteries of the Rosary in four groups of five. They are the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries.

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❖ The feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary is October 7.

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