

Family Liturgy

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

1st January



PREPARATION

Set up your sacred space. Place a white cloth, cross, bible and candle.

Add any other symbols relevant to your family.

Light the candle or use a battery operated candle for safety.



GATHER

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

COLLECT

Loving God, even when we don't understand your plans let us always hold your Word close to our hearts.

GOSPEL

A reading from the gospel according to Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and they saw the baby lying in the manger.

When the shepherds saw Jesus, they told his parents what the angel had said about him. Everyone listened and was surprised. But Mary kept thinking about all this and wondering what it meant.

As the shepherds returned to their sheep, they were praising God and saying wonderful things about him. Everything they had seen and heard was just as the angel had said.

Eight days later Jesus' parents did for him what the Law of Moses commands. And they named him Jesus, just as the angel had told Mary when he promised she would have a baby.

Suddenly many other angels came down from heaven and joined in praising God. They said: "Praise God in heaven! Peace on earth to everyone who pleases God."

The gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



The Christmas Story: Jesus & the Shepherds



Watch: The Christmas Story: Jesus & the Shepherds

REFLECT

I wonder what the shepherds did when they saw baby Jesus...

I wonder what Mary was thinking and wondering...

I wonder who the shepherds told the wonderful things to...

I wonder how the shepherds were feeling after all the things the angel said came true...

I wonder what they needed to do to as, 'the Law of Moses commands'...

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Bring to mind any special intentions that you would like to pray for today.

Pray **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

DISMISSAL

May God bless us and protect us, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ENDING SONG

Mary Did You Know? One Voice Children's Choir

ACTIVITIES

Pray: Write a prayer to Jesus in your journal

Colouring page: Mary & Jesus

Activity: Mary & Jesus craft

