

P4-3 - Rosary

CfE Experiences and Outcomes & TIOF Core Learning

RERC 1-15a – Hours of God

I know that the rosary is a special prayer that helps us to honour *Mary* and tells us about the life of Jesus. I can say a decade of the Rosary using the Rosary beads and know that I can pray decades of the rosary to *Mary* for myself, my family and others.

Success Criteria from Core Learning

- I can explain that the Rosary is a special prayer.
- I can use the word decade and know that it means 10.
- I can make a set of Rosary beads following the correct pattern.
- I can use a set of Rosary beads to pray a decade of the Rosary for myself or someone else.

Key Vocabulary

Rosary, decade of Rosary, Rosary Beads and praying the Rosary.

Teaching and Learning

Remind pupils of story of Bernadette as discussed in previous lesson. Our Lady asked Bernadette to pray with her – which particular prayer did they pray together? Emphasise significance and importance of the Rosary.

Using a large pair of Rosary Beads, poster or online resource, go through what each section of the beads represents and how they are used.

Explore the word 'decade'. Have the children heard it used before, if so where, do they have any ideas what it means. Make use of a dictionary to establish a definition.

Point out that the complete rosary is comprised of 5 decades, show the children this on the beads.

Explain that as we pray each decade we focus on an event in Jesus' life. The P2 lessons cover the Joyful mysteries, can the children recall what these are? This would be a good opportunity to revisit the Joyful mysteries and recount each of the stories:

- The Annunciation
- The Visitation
- The Nativity
- The Presentation
- The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

Coloured beads and string can be used for the children to construct their own Rosary Beads. Pupils could also decorate circular discs to construct a Rosary display for the classroom wall.

Prayer and Reflection

Lead the pupils in praying a decade of the Rosary using their own sets of beads (A full Rosary can be covered over a school week). Before beginning remind pupils to offer their prayers up for themselves or another person.

Ask school chaplain to bless the children's Rosary beads.

Resources

Rosary Poster/Online resource

Coloured beads & string

Class set of Rosary beads (www.missionmattersscotland.org provide rosary beads to schools across Scotland)

Lesson Card P2-4 and linked resources

Research Challenge

Find out where the name Rosary comes from?

Which other religions use prayer beads?