

God Called Mary



CHAPTER 4 Study Guide

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 wanted to do God's will. When we pray the Hail Mary, we say the beautiful words the angel said to Mary at the Annunciation.

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Our Lady of the Rosary appeared to three children—Lúcia, Francisco, and Jacinta. They lived in Fátima, a small village in Portugal. The lady's message was one of peace. She told the children 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. So are the strings of beads called *rosaries*.

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Each decade of the Rosary begins with the Lord's Prayer 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. The Luminous Mysteries are also known as the Mysteries of Light.

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

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