

Overview

In Chapter 18 the students learned about the celebration of the Anointing of the Sick. In this chapter they will learn that Mary is a model of discipleship for us and for the Church.

Doctrinal Content

For Adult Reading and Reflection
Catechism of the Catholic Church

The students will learn:	Paragraph
• Mary is Jesus' first disciple.	494
• Mary is the most blessed among women.	492
• Mary is the greatest of all the saints.	963
• The Church remembers and honors Mary.	971



Annunciation
Immaculate Conception
Assumption

Catechist Background

What mentors have you had in your life?

Our all-powerful God created the world out of chaos, life out of clay, and new life out of destruction and death. Yet God has chosen to continue to do his work with human cooperation. Because Mary cooperated fully with God's Word, she is a model for us in doing God's work.

In her faith and trust in God, Mary said yes to all that God asked of her. She placed herself in God's hands and became the Mother of the Savior, Jesus Christ. She is also Jesus' first disciple, remaining devoted to him and the Kingdom of God. After his Death and Resurrection, Mary stayed with the disciples to continue Jesus' work. In Mary we find the perfect disciple; she is the "model and source" of holiness for our lives (CCC 2030).

We have a rich history of devotion to Mary, but we do not worship her. We believe in One God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We offer our worship and adoration only to the Blessed Trinity. However,

Go to www.webelieveweb.com, Catechist/Teacher, We Believe Correlations for this chapter's correlation to:

- Six Tasks of Catechesis
- Catholic Social Teaching
- *Catechetical Formation in Chaste Living.*

we honor Mary through prayer and acknowledge her ability to intercede on our behalf. Just as she was instrumental in the plan of salvation by becoming the mother of Jesus, her faith in God's promise reminds us of our obligation to trust in him. The Feast of the Assumption celebrates Mary's body and soul taken up to Heaven to live forever with the risen Christ. "Taken up to heaven she did not lay aside this saving office but by her manifold intercession continues to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation" (*Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, 62). We honor Mary as the greatest of all saints, and emulate her as a model of discipleship.

How can Mary be a "mentor" for your spiritual life?

Lesson Planning Guide

Lesson Steps

Presentation

Materials

1 WE GATHER

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 **Prayer**

 **Focus on Life**

- Read about Mary.
- Respond in prayer.


For the prayer space: a Bible, a picture of Mary, a rosary

- Discuss people who can be admired.

2 WE BELIEVE


pages 164–165
Mary is Jesus' first disciple.

 *Luke 1:26–38*

- Read and discuss Mary's role in Jesus' life and ministry.
-  Identify ways to encourage people to trust in God.


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Mary is most blessed among women.

 *Luke 1:39–45*

- Read and discuss Mary's visit to Elizabeth.
-  Sing the song.
- Discuss the Immaculate Conception and Assumption.

 "Gospel Canticle: Magnificat," Owen Alstott, #18, Grade 5 CD

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Mary is the greatest of all the saints.

- Read and discuss Mary as the greatest of all saints.
-  Identify other titles for Mary.
- Read and discuss the *As Catholics* text about Saint Joseph.

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The Church remembers and honors Mary.

- Identify ways the Church remembers and honors Mary.
- Learn about the Rosary.

- a rosary for each student

3 WE RESPOND

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-  Illustrate ways to say yes to God.

- copies of Reproducible Master 19, guide page 163C

pages 168–169
Project Disciple

- Complete the **Project Disciple** activities.
- Explain the *Take Home* activity.
- Discuss/send home **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master for this chapter.

- copies of **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master, Chapter 19 (back of book)

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Chapter 19 Test

- Complete **Chapter 19 Test**.
- Work on *Alternative Assessment* activity.

- optional: copies of Scripture reproducible master, *What's the Word?*, Chapter 19 (back of book)