

# ALL FOR HER

## A SHORT SKIT

This year we have included a short skit to help you better understand and explore this year's theme, "**Mary, Mother of the Church.**" There are a number of ways you can make use of the skit:

1. Use it as a class activity! Select a group of children in your classroom to enact the roles in the skit and begin a discussion about the contest.
2. Encourage parents to get the whole family involved and use it as a take-home activity.
3. Record and use it as a contest submission (please refer to video guidelines).

*Note: The script is only a basic idea, you are permitted to modify it, bringing in your creativity.*



*(Luke and Luz return from summer church camp with a project. As soon as they get home, they start to clean up their family altar. They bring a statue of Mary from the corner of their bedroom, place it on a table and decorate it with fresh flowers. They light a candle and then pray for a while. Watching the unusual activity of Luke and Luz, Kathy, their grandmother, enters the scene.)*

**Kathy:** Good job, sweethearts. Would you mind telling me why you're decorating the altar and statue of Mary?

**Luke:** Grannie, we had a lot of fun in church today.

**Luz:** (Excitedly) We enjoyed the games and competitions too.

**Kathy:** Well, what does that have to do with decorating the altar?

**Luke:** (With glittering eyes) Oh yeah, we will tell you the whole story.

**Luz:** I'll start! It's all about Mother Mary.

**Kathy:** Mother Mary?

**Luke:** Yes, Father Pat told us that Mary, the mother of Jesus, is also our mother!

**Kathy:** Oh, yes! I'm glad he did. In fact, to remind us of this, last year the Church decided there would be an additional feast day, a day to honor Mary as Mother of the Church! It will be celebrated each year the day after Pentecost Sunday. It's another time we can honor Mary with a special day in the Church.

**Luz:** Yes, he did talk about that too.

**Kathy:** Excellent! Can you tell me how Mary, the mother of Jesus, becomes our mother?

**Luke:** (Impulsively) Through her obedience!

**Luz:** (Impulsively) Yes! Through her "yes" to God's plan for the world.

**Kathy:** Absolutely! She listened to the Word of God and never forgot it. Did Father Pat tell you about how Jesus offered His Mother to us before his death on the cross?

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**Luke & Luz:** Yes!

**Luke:** And Jesus also offered us to his Mother to take care of us.

**Luz:** Father Pat told us about the story of the wedding at Cana.

**Kathy:** Oh! Did he? What do you learn from the story?

**Luke:** I can't remember everything he said. But I remember he said, "Listen to your Mother."

**Luz:** From the short video clip that Father Pat showed us, I remember there were a lot of people ... like a party. Then the hosts of the party ran out of wine to serve their guests.

**Luke:** And Mary was quick to notice and told the servants, "Do whatever he (Jesus) tells you."

**Kathy:** Isn't it wonderful? Mary keeps us focused on who we should listen to. Jesus!

**Luke:** Father Pat also showed a short video clip where the disciples of Jesus are gathered in a circle with Mary in the center.

**Kathy:** Oh, do you know why?

**Luz:** Because they were frightened.

**Luke:** Before Jesus died on the cross, he told his friends, I mean, the disciples ... that his mother, Mary, would help take care of them.

**Kathy:** You're right. Just like in many families, the mother helps build up the family. She creates a safe home for her family and warmly welcomes everyone to it. Mothers put gentle rules into place so everyone will grow up in responsible freedom. She completely understands and nurtures the unique gifts of each of her children that make her family so special. We may be upset, frustrated, lonely or scared at times, but our Mother Mary wants us to remember her words, "Do whatever he tells you."

**Luke:** Yes, Father Pat told us that we should always do whatever Jesus tells us to do.

**Luz:** On our way back, Luke and I felt that Jesus was asking us to decorate our family altar.

**Luke:** Yes, and that's what we've been busy with.

**Kathy:** I am so happy for you! You are on the right

path. You know, the family Rosary is a means of grace for the family. It helps us reflect on the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus. Ah! That reminds me of someone, have you heard about the "Rosary Priest" who said, "The family that prays together stays together."

**Luke:** I know who he is! He is Venerable Patrick Peyton. I heard about him in school. Remember we had that "Try Prayer, It Works" contest last year? Our teacher told us about him and his mission across the world to help families pray.

**Kathy:** That's wonderful Luke! You already know about him. What about you Luz?

**Luz:** (Disappointed) I don't know about him.

**Kathy:** Well, Luke, would you help Luz learn about Venerable Patrick Peyton?

**Luke:** Sure, Grannie!

**Kathy:** You know, he would often say, "All for her." Do you know why? It's an amazing story. When he was studying to become a priest, he got very sick and the doctors said he wasn't going to get better. He was saved through our Mother Mary's help and prayers ... or we could say our Mother Mary's "intercession." After this miraculous healing, he decided to live the rest of his life telling others about her, the Rosary and family prayer. Like Father Peyton, there have been many popes who prayed the Rosary each day, and wrote letters and sent messages urging everyone around the world to pray the Rosary too. The Apostolic Motto of Pope John Paul II was, Totus Tuus which means "Totally yours."

**Luke:** Grannie, shall we pray the Rosary?

**Kathy:** I'd love to Luke! Please go get your mom and dad so that we can pray as a family.

*(Luke and Luz hurry out of the room shouting for their mom and dad, while Grannie makes the sign of the cross and thanks God.)*

**THE END.**

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