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Catechist Tips: Keeping Promises

The Church honors Mary not simply because she said "yes" to God at the Annunciation, but because she remained true to that commitment throughout her life. Help the children see the importance of keeping good promises.

- Remind the children that their families helped them say "yes" to God in Baptism, and they can continue to say "yes" to God every day.

Catechist Tips: The Hail Mary

Use the story of the Annunciation as an opportunity to reinforce the children's learning of the Hail Mary.

- Explain that the first line of the prayer ("Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you") is based on the archangel Gabriel's greeting to Mary.

Catechist Tips: Participation

God calls everyone to help make the world a better place. People have a duty to act together in society to make life better for everyone, especially the poor. A "yes" response to God begins in the home. It is here that children first learn to cooperate with others to achieve the common good.

Catechist Tips: God's Kingdom

Bring photographs, newspaper or magazine pictures of people doing good things for someone. Before showing them, explain how God's Kingdom is here when people love each other and take care of each other. Read the Scripture story, "The parable of the Great Feast," on page 152. Talk about how this is an example of the Kingdom of God. God the Father invites everyone to be in his Kingdom, just like the rich man invited people to his table. Show the pictures one at a time and explain them. After talking

about each one, all should exclaim, "**This is the Kingdom of God!**"

Glossary Activity: Faithfulness

The children may not be familiar with the word *faithfulness* that appears in the psalm verse. This is not a difficult word for children to pronounce, but you can explain its meaning in simple terms.

- To say that God shows faithfulness means that his love for them is constant and lasting.
- He continues to love them, even when they do wrong.

Additional Activity: Many Ways to Say "Yes"

If you have bilingual students or children for whom English is their secondary language, let them teach everyone how to say "yes" in their language.

- Teach the class how to say "yes" in Spanish, *sí* (see) or French, *oui* (we).

Additional Activity: Rainbow of Friends

Use the image of the rainbow to teach the goodness of diversity. Using mural paper, have the children paint a large rainbow together.

- Have each child paint a self-portrait on a small paper plate.
- Hang the rainbow mural, and have the children add their portraits to it.

Additional Activity: Annunciation

Show the children examples of art depicting the Annunciation from various historical periods and cultural traditions.

- Use art books, slides, or websites to share examples with the children.
- Invite the children to create their own artistic interpretations of this incident in Mary's life.

Additional Activity: Silence Is Golden

The children have learned many ways to say "yes" in this chapter; you may wish to lead them in a discussion of how people can communicate that response without speaking.

- Ask them if they can think of ways to say "yes" silently—by nodding, giving a thumbs-up or OK sign with their hands, even by smiling.

Parish Video Connection: Noah Builds an Arky

After you finish reading *God's Word* on pages 150–151, invite the children to look for signs of peace and happiness in this Noah's ark video. Play the video and discuss the signs of peace and happiness that the children saw (e.g. smiling faces, clapping, celebrating animals, a rainbow, a dove, praying to God).

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/wMQjYjdtwoc>