

Joy Story

SYNOPSIS

In the hands of young Aaron, the nativity figurines (especially the angel) are transformed into first century action figures. After his mother gently guides Aaron away from that activity, the story of Jesus comes to life in that manger and an unusual participant in the scene learns about the important role Mary played in the salvation of the world.

SUGGESTED USES FOR THIS VIDEO

- ✦ Use this film at an Advent retreat or during an event about Advent, Christmas, or Mary.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What do you know about Mary?
2. What do think we believe about Mary as Catholics?
3. What do you know about what others think we believe about Mary?
4. Did you learn anything new about Mary in this film?
5. What did Mary continue to do as the others were telling the soldier about her? Why did she do this?
6. Do you have a special devotion to Mary? If so, can you share it?
7. Why is Mary such an important part of the Christmas story?

NOTE: Your youth may find it impacting to see how much of the Hail Mary is drawn from scripture, especially if you live in a strongly Protestant area where our Marian beliefs may more frequently be challenged. It may also be helpful to help them construct thoughtful responses to questions from their Protestant brothers and sisters.

Check out these links for some simple explanations as a starting point:

<http://www.aboutcatholics.com/beliefs/mary-in-the-bible>

<http://www.aboutcatholics.com/beliefs/hail-mary-why-not-hail-jesus>

RELATED SCRIPTURE PASSAGES:

Finding the Hail Mary in Scripture:

Luke 1:27; 1:41-43; 1:48

Mary's Obedience:

Luke 1:38

Mary's Influence on Jesus:

Luke 2:51;

John 2:3-10

Why We Consider

Her Our Mother:

Revelation 12:17

RELATED CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH REFERENCES:

Mary as Our Mother:

967-970

Devotion to Mary:

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Why Mary?:

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Mary's Obedience:

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Mary's Virginity:

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Why "Ever-Virgin"?:

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