

Yr 2 Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God Lesson

Opening Prayer: See the Prayer Posters

Rejoice, Mother of God, Virgin Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, for you have borne Christ, the Saviour and Redeemer of our souls.

Богородице діво, Радуйся, благодатна Маріє, Господь з тобою. Благословенна ти між жінками і благословенний плід лона твого, Бо ти породила Христа Спаса, Избавителя душ наших.

Story of the Dormition: Read the story of the Dormition of Mary for children. There are two versions. One for younger children and one for older children. *This story has been part of Sacred Tradition of the Church since early times. This means that it was passed on orally and was considered to be a true element of the faith and is accepted as part of Church teachings. The story of the events of the Dormition and various writings and sermons by the Holy Fathers and Doctors of the Church, about this event, have been part of the Church teaching since the beginning. Read some [here](#).*

Lesson: We learn from the Theotokos (Mother of God) and try to be like her.

This story is not in the Bible. It is in other books that people in the Church knew were special and it was talked about by holy people and all Christians through all of history. Popes declared that it is true too!

What happened to the Theotokos (the mother of God) in this story? Jesus took her soul to heaven and 3 days later her body went to heaven too.

Why do you think this happened to her? What do we know about Mary the mother of God? Discuss. She was sinless, she gave her whole life to God, she loved God and all other people. Because she did that in such a perfect way, she did not have to wait for heaven like other people. Jesus took her there right away!

What can we learn from this? Mary (Theotokos) – Jesus’ mother and our mother is someone that we can look up to and try to be like. She is with God and therefore she is always ready to pray for us to Him. She is Queen of heaven and she loves us so much! We like to take flowers to church to be blessed on the Feast day of her Dormition to honour Mary and to remember the beautiful smell that came out of her tomb. We read about that in the story. So today we will make flower wreaths around an icon of her to help us remember that. We can keep it in our icon corner at home and pray to her all the time!

Craft: Flower Wreath Icon Frame

In Church: Look around to see if you can find an icon of the Dormition of the Holy Mother of God or other icons of her. Remember that she is always ready to pray to God for us. Say a special silent prayer to her.