

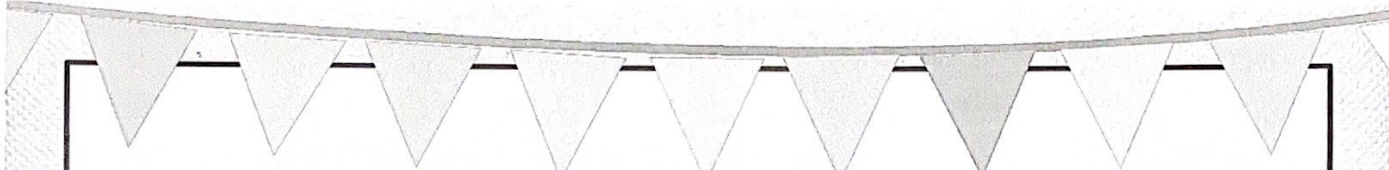


Mary:

The Mother of Jesus

Mary was a Jewish girl who lived in the city of Nazareth. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph. Engaged means that a person is about to get married. Mary didn't know it yet, but God had chosen her from among all the Jewish maidens to fulfill a very special purpose for Him. God sent an angel to her with the message. The angel Gabriel said to her, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" Mary was afraid, but the angel explained to her that she was going to be a mother. She was going to have a son, and his name was to be Jesus. Mary's baby would have an earthly mother, but God would be His father in Heaven. He would be the *Son of God*! He would be Emmanuel, "God is with us." He would be a King and establish a kingdom which would never end. As the time neared for the baby to be born, Mary and Joseph had to go to the town of Bethlehem to pay their taxes. When they arrived in the town, all the inns were filled because many other people had also come into town for the same purpose. The only place for them to stay was in a stable. Mary wrapped her baby in swaddling clothes and laid him there in a manger. As Jesus grew, Mary lovingly cared for the child and was guided by the Spirit. Once, because of a warning by an angel, they had to flee to Egypt and stay for a while because His life was in danger. Later in Jesus's life, Mary watched him teach and perform miracles. Then on the sad day of crucifixion, Mary stood by and cried when He died on the cross. Mary took his body and prepared a tomb for Him, and three days later she went to that tomb to find He wasn't there. Can you imagine how surprised Mary would have been to find out that her Son, who had just died, was now alive and well? Mary was with Jesus the whole time he was growing up and fulfilling His heavenly Father's plan. God has chosen many people for His special purposes, but the choosing of Mary to be the mother of our Lord was one of the highest honors. She fulfilled that role with dignity, honor, and grace.

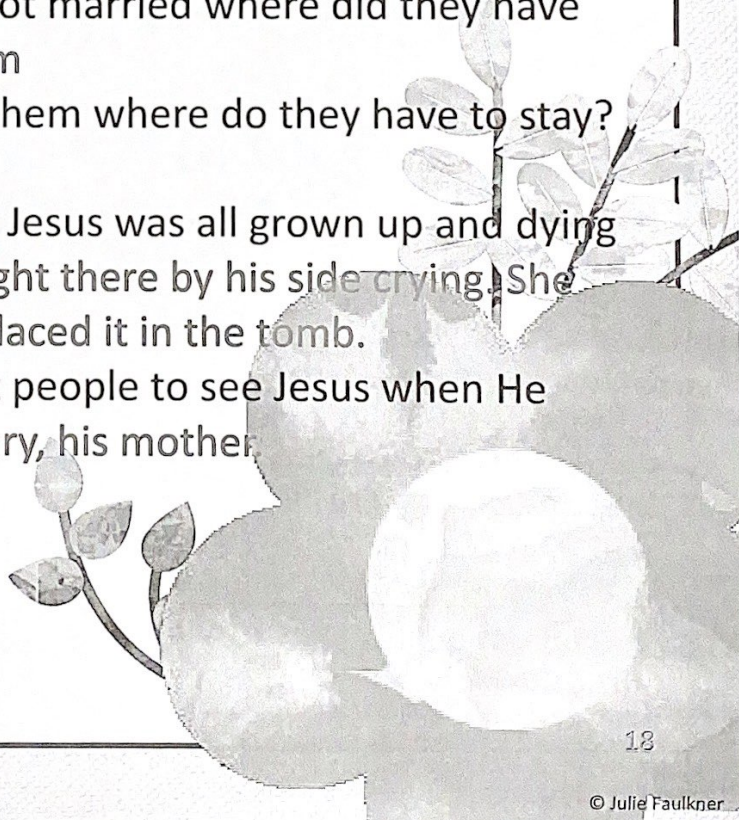
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- 1) Where did Mary live? Nazareth
- 2) Who was she engaged to? Joseph
- 3) What does engaged mean? Going to get married
- 4) What did God choose Mary to do? Be the mother of His Son
- 5) Who came to tell Mary she was going to have a baby? The angel Gabriel
- 6) What was the baby's name? Jesus
- 7) Who is Jesus's heavenly father? God
- 8) Who is Jesus's earthly father? Joseph
- 9) After Joseph and Mary got married where did they have to go? Back to Bethlehem
- 10) When they get to Bethlehem where do they have to stay?
In a stable
- 11) What did Mary do when Jesus was all grown up and dying on the cross? She was right there by his side crying. She also took his body and placed it in the tomb.
- 12) Who was one of the first people to see Jesus when He rose from the grave? Mary, his mother.



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God has chosen many people for His special purposes, but the choosing of Mary to be the mother of our Lord was one of the highest honors. We have also been chosen for a special purpose. "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." (1 Peter 2:9) Our purpose is to proclaim the praises of God.

