

Mary's Life



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Joachim and Anne were so proud of their new baby daughter. They gave her the name Mary which meant "royal incense". She would become a special offering to God.



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Joachim and Anne knew that Mary was a special gift from God. soon after she was born they went to the temple and dedicated their child to God.



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When she was very young Mary went to temple school. Here she learned more about God and listened to the Bible stories of God's promise and plan.



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Mary's mother also taught her how to cook and bake bread. She would help prepare meals and care for the house with her mother, Anne.



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In school Mary learned to weave and sew. Often she sat working on large looms with other young girls weaving colorful robes. They would talk about their dreams.



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Early each morning Mary would go to draw water from the well in the center of the village. Here she would meet other young women. All of them came for the day's water supply.



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As Mary grew older she learned the Psalms. These are special prayers from the Bible. Mary prayed often and grew closer to God.



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When Mary was fourteen she left the temple school and moved with her parents back to Nazareth, their home. She was sad saying goodbye to her school friends.



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Mary became engaged to Joseph at Nazareth. He was a loving and sincere young man. Everyone celebrated that there would soon be a wedding.



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Soon after she was engaged a very special thing happened to Mary. While she was praying God's angel came to tell her that God had chosen her to be the mother of the Savior.



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Before Jesus was born Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who lived near Jerusalem, Elizabeth was also going to have a baby. Her son, John, would be Jesus' cousin and friend.



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Mary stayed with Elizabeth. They thanked God for loving them and for their special children. Mary and Elizabeth had always loved little children.



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An angel also came to Joseph while he was sleeping. The angel told him that Mary's baby was God's child. Joseph would marry Mary and Jesus would be a son to him.



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Before Jesus was born Joseph and Mary had to go to Bethlehem to register as citizens. They made a long journey and when they arrived could not find a room.



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The only shelter that Mary and Joseph could find was a stable in a cave used for animals. Here, Jesus the Savior was born. Mary his mother, wrapped him in a blanket and placed him in a manger for a crib.



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Mary would fix Jesus a snack when he came from school. It might have been honey on fresh bread. They would talk together and enjoy each other's company, Mary loved Jesus.



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Once when they were in Jerusalem for Passover, Jesus got lost. Mary was heart-broken. The next day she and Joseph found him talking with all the teachers in the temple.



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As Jesus got older he remained at the center of Mary's thoughts. After Joseph died, Jesus stayed on with Mary. They always talked together and enjoyed each other's company.



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Mary made a white robe for her son. She knew he would soon leave to teach God's message. She would miss Him very much and always be praying for him.



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Once at a wedding to which Mary and Jesus had come the waiters had no more wine. Mary asked Jesus to help. He performed a miracle turning water into wine just because His mother asked Him.



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As Jesus went about the land preaching and teaching Mary was one of his followers. She listened to her son, prayed with Him and His friends and lived his message in her life.



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Mary's heart broke when she saw Jesus suffer and die on the cross. As she bravely stood beneath the cross Jesus spoke and said, "This is your mother". She is our mother and she cares for us.



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After Jesus left the earth His friends and followers stayed together. Mary was very much at the center of this new Christian family. They prayed that the Holy Spirit would come among them.



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Because of her love and faithfulness Mary was crowned Queen of the universe. Blessings and help will come to us from Jesus just because his mother asks Him.