

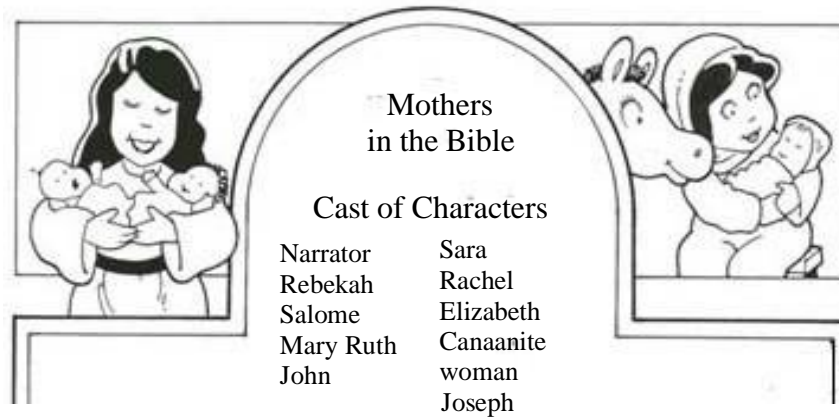


# Friends of Jesus and Mary

## Amigos de Jesús y María



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- Narrator:** Today we honor all mothers, but especially those whose lives we read about in the Bible. Hear them as they speak for themselves.
- Sarah:** (enters carrying baby) I am Sarah, wife of Abraham, from whom all our people are descended. I was an old woman when my baby, promised by my Lord, was born. I was so overjoyed that I named him Isaac, which means laughter. (Goes to back or other side of stage before next person enters)
- Rebekah:** (Enters carrying twin babies in her arms) I am Rebekah, wife of Sara's son. Isaac and mother of the twins Jacob and Esau. Although I love Jacob more. When he was a young man, I even helped trick his father into giving him a blessing meant for Esau, but I never saw him after that. (She goes to stand beside Sarah.)
- Raquel:** (Enters carrying twin babies in her arms leading Joseph by the hand) My name is Raquel, and I was the beloved wife of Jacob. My first son, Joseph was the favorite of his father, who gave him a beautiful coat of many colors. My second son I named Ben-Oni, which means "son of my pain", but my husband renamed him Benjamin, "son of the right hand" for he, too, was loved by his father. (She to stand beside Rebekah.)
- Naomi:** (Enters followed by young woman) I am Naomi, I had two sons, but I am best remembered for my daughter in law, Ruth. It is through her loving devotion, after my sons died, that all mothers-in-law are remembered. (She and Ruth move back with the others).
- Salomé:** I am Salome, the mother of James and John. I stayed close to Jesus when he was in Galilee, and I followed him to Jerusalem. After Jesus died, I even walked to the tomb with spices to anoint him.
- Elizabeth:** (Entry followed by John) My name is Elizabeth, one of the first mothers mentioned in the New Testament. I am the mother of John; later known as the Baptist. Like Sarah, I was old when he was born, yet I was honored and happy to be the mother of the man who later baptized Jesus. (Both move back beside the others).
- Mary:** (Enters carrying baby). I am Mary, the mother of Jesus, whose birth was announced by an angel, whose death took place on the cross, and whose kingdom will never end. My soul glorifies the Lord. (Moves back by others).
- Canaanite** I am the Canaanite women who begged Jesus to cure my suffering child. Even though I had great faith in Jesus, it took great courage to go to him because I was looked on as a "foreigner", someone different from others. My love for my child gave me the strength not to worry about what people were saying about me. (All characters come forward and stand together)
- Narrator:** Even after so many generations, we remember those mothers. They gave to the world children who later changed the world. May all mothers like these continue to teach their children how much God loves them.

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