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HAVE YOURSELF A  
**MARY**  
LITTLE  
*Christmas*

# HOPE



What do you think Mary was thinking or feeling?

Do you think Mary felt Hope, even at the death of her son?

## The Crucifixion of Jesus (John 19:16-27) Adapted

So they took Jesus, and made him carry the cross by himself to a place that is called the Skull or Golgotha. There they hung him on the cross. They hung two other men on crosses, one on either side of Jesus.

Pilate had "Jesus of Nazareth, The King of the Jews" written and put on the cross. The chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' instead write that 'The man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate wouldn't change it. He said, "I wrote what I wrote."

When the soldiers had hung Jesus from the cross, they took his clothes and split them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his long shirt, but they didn't want to rip it so they said to one another, "Let's roll dice to see who will get this." And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother Mary, his aunt Mary, and Mary Magdalene.

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing next to her, he asked his mom to treat the disciple as her son and asked the disciple to treat Mary as his own mom. And from that hour the disciple treated her like she was his mom.





# LOVE

What do you think Mary was thinking or feeling?

Do you think Mary felt Love, watching her adult son work?

## Jesus' First Miracle (John 2:1-11) Adapted

There was a wedding in a town called Cana in Galilee. Jesus, his mother, and his followers were guests.

When all the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." Jesus answered, "Mom, why are you asking me to do something? My time hasn't come yet." His mom said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you to do."

They had six stone water jars. Each jar held 20-30 gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled the jars to the top. Then he said to them, "Now take some and give it to the head servant." So the servants took the water to the head servant. When he tasted it, the water had turned into wine. He didn't know where the wine came from, but the other servants knew. The head servant called the bridegroom and said, "People always serve the best wine first, but you have saved the best wine until now."

This is where Jesus did his first miracle. He showed his glory, and his followers believed in him.





# JOY

What do you think Mary was thinking or feeling?

Do you think Mary felt Joy, watching her child grow?

#### Jesus as a Boy (Luke 2:41-52) Adapted

When Jesus was 12 years old, his family went to the Passover Feast in Jerusalem as they did every year. When the feast days were over, they headed home. Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Joseph and Mary traveled for a whole day. They thought that Jesus was with them in their group. Then they began to look for him among their family and friends, but they didn't find him. So they went back to Jerusalem to look for him there.

After three days they found him. Jesus was sitting in the Temple with the religious teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and wise answers. When Jesus' parents saw him, they were amazed. His mother said to him, "Son, why did you do this to us? Your father and I were very worried about you. We have been looking for you."

Jesus asked, "Why did you have to look for me? You should have known that I must be where my Father's work is!" But they did not understand the meaning of what he said.

Jesus went with them to Nazareth and obeyed them. His mother kept thinking about everything that had happened. Jesus continued to learn more and more and to grow physically. People liked him, and he pleased God.





# PEACE

What do you think Mary was thinking or feeling?

Do you think Mary felt Peace, when she found out she was going to have a baby?



#### The Birth of Jesus Foretold (Luke 1:26-38) Adapted

God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to Mary who was pledged to be married to a man named Joseph. The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.” Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what it meant. But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.

You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, his kingdom will never end.” “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age. For no word from God will ever fail.”

“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.