



## 9 Mary Hears Some Wonderful News

“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord;  
let it be to me according to your word.”

Luke 1:38

Finally, the time came for the Savior to come into the world. There was one last thing to get ready.

There was a girl named Mary. **Mary** lived in a town called **Nazareth**. God loved her so much that He gave her the gift of grace that Adam had lost for everyone else. Mary was free from Original Sin from the very first moment of her life. She loved God so much that in her whole life she never committed even one single sin. Everything she did made God happy.

When Mary grew up, God sent the angel **Gabriel** to visit her. Gabriel told Mary some wonderful news. He said that God wanted her to be the Mother of His Son, the promised Savior.

Mary trusted that God knew what was best. So Mary said, "I am God's servant. Let it be done to me as you say." That is how Mary became the Mother of **Jesus**.



God's very own Son came down from Heaven to live with us. God also chose a special man named **Joseph** to be Mary's husband and to take care of Jesus. Since God is the real father of Jesus, we call Joseph the foster-father of Jesus.

**Words to Know:**

Mary    Nazareth    Gabriel    Jesus    Joseph

**Q. 22** *Who is the Mother of Jesus, the Savior?*  
Mary is the Mother of Jesus, the Savior  
(CCC 488).

**Q. 23** *Was Mary kept from having Original Sin?*  
Yes, Mary was kept from having Original  
Sin (CCC 491).

**We Pray:**

HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace! The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is  
the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. *Amen.*

GLORY BE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*



## 10 The Savior Is Born

“...you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

Luke 2:12

One day, Mary and Joseph had to travel to **Bethlehem**. They looked and looked for a place to stay, but every inn was full and no one took them in. So they had to stay in a stable, a place where animals are kept.

This is where Jesus was born. Since Mary had no cradle for Him, she laid Him in a **manger**. A manger is a wooden box used to hold food for animals. The Son of God, our Savior, came here to earth as a poor, tiny, helpless baby.

Angels from Heaven appeared in the sky. They sang, “Glory to God in the highest. Peace on earth to men of good will.”

Some **shepherds**—men who take care of sheep—saw the angels. The shepherds were afraid. “Do

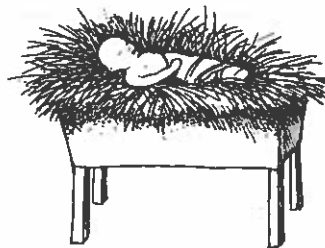


not be afraid,” said the angels. “We have good news for you and for all people. Today in Bethlehem a Savior has been born! You will find Him lying in a manger.” Then the angels left.

The shepherds were amazed. They said, “Let us go to Bethlehem and see this Child about whom the angels have spoken.”

The shepherds hurried away and found Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. They knelt down to **worship** their Savior. To worship means to give your best love and praise to God. The shepherds remembered to thank God the Father for sending us His Son.

**Christmas** is the birthday of Jesus. This is an important day because if Jesus had not come, we could not go to Heaven, ever. There would be no Christmas trees, no presents, no Christmas lights, and no Christmas songs—nothing to make you happy. But Jesus did come and we have a wonderful time every year when we celebrate His birthday.



## Words to Know:

Bethlehem manger shepherds worship

Christmas

**Q. 24** *Where was Jesus Christ born?*

Jesus Christ was born in a stable in Bethlehem, and was placed in a manger (CCC 525; Lk 2:7).

**Q. 25** *Who is Jesus Christ?*

Jesus Christ is the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, the Son of God made man (CCC 454, 495).

**Q. 26** *Why did the Son of God become man?*

The Son of God became man to save us from sin and to regain Heaven for us (CCC 457–60).

## We Pray:

Thank You, dear Jesus, for coming down from Heaven to save us. Thank You for Christmas time. Help us to get ready for Your coming this year. *Amen.*