

Mary

The Mother

Making The Bible Come Alive

Who was this person?

- The woman whom God chose to be the mother of Jesus.
- The one human who was with Jesus for his entire life: from birth to death.
- A young woman who knew the scriptures (prophecies) telling of a Messiah to be born.
- A young woman who was visited by an angel.



What is this person known for?

- Mary was engaged to be married to Joseph.
- She made herself willing and available to God regardless of the consequences.
- She conceived (became pregnant) in a miraculous way and gave birth to God's Son, Jesus.
- Mary was known for her faith and trust that God was able to do impossible things. She realized that God was trusting her with a very special and incredible task—to be the mother of His Son.

WHY DO YOU THINK THIS PERSON HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN GOD'S STORY?

- To remind us to always obey and trust God.
- To teach us to obey and trust God even when things may be surprising, unexpected and even fearful or scary.
- To remind us that God will use ordinary people for extraordinary things.
- To show us that God may use special methods to reveal His plans to us.
- To teach that when we are available to be used by God, He will use us at the right time and in amazing ways.
- To show us that Jesus came to earth in human form. He came as a baby—someone who needed a mother to give birth to Him, and who would care for Him and look after him in every day life.





LIFE APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

Pose the following two questions to your children, one at a time. Allow for interaction and discussion, letting them share their thoughts while you guide the conversation.

- What life lessons can I learn from this Bible character about how I should and should not live?
- Based on what I have learned from this Bible character, how can I live in a way that is pleasing to God.

MORE IN GOD'S WORD

Mary is a very famous woman in the Bible. Did you know that in the genealogy of Jesus there are only five women mentioned and Mary is one of them? Mary is mentioned several times throughout the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John). Mary gave birth to the Saviour of the world and, like most mothers, Mary had some wonderful moments raising her son Jesus and her other children. As Jesus grew and entered into public ministry, Mary watched and heard about the amazing miracles He performed. However, to see her son crucified on the cross would have caused her incredible heartache and pain, yet it was all part of the big plan to save humankind.

Mary was a young woman who was greatly troubled when the angel first appears to her and gave her the news that God was with her and that she was highly favoured by Him. But, as the angel told her not to be afraid, Mary accepted the challenge that God had given her as His servant. Her words were simply: "May it be to me as you have said".

Mary's acceptance of God's plan for her life changed the course of history! Are you available to be used by God? Would you say "Yes" when He asks you to do something ... even something that might seem impossible?! He may just be wanting you to prove to the world that He is God, and that Jesus is King over the universe.