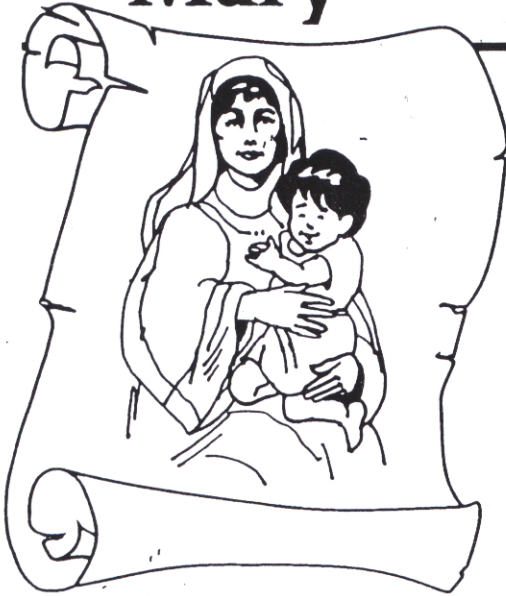


Mary

A Good Mother

Luke 1-3; 24



Memory Verse

The angel...said....*"The Lord is with you."*

Luke 1:28 f

Read the story to your _____ Pause when you come to a blank. Let the children say *Mary* and raise their arms wide before you continue reading the story.

Introduction

Mary was Jesus' mother. She took care of Jesus when He was a baby. Mary also took care of Jesus as He grew up.

Mary's Story

Listen to the story your teacher reads. When your teacher pauses, say *Mary* and raise your arms wide. Who was Mary? (*Jesus' mother.*)

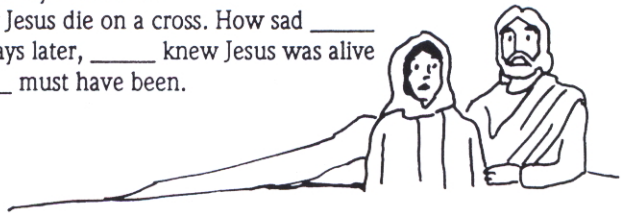
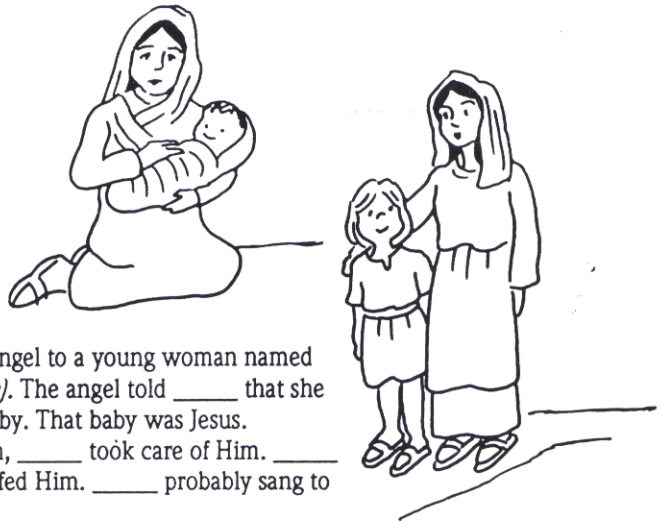


Once God sent an angel to a young woman named _____ (*raise arms wide*). The angel told _____ that she would have a special baby. That baby was Jesus.

After Jesus was born, _____ took care of Him. _____ kept Him clean. _____ fed Him. _____ probably sang to Him.

_____ watched Jesus grow. _____ made Jesus new clothes when He outgrew His old ones. _____ watched Jesus grow from a baby to a little boy. Then _____ watched Jesus grow from a bigger boy to a man.

One day _____ saw Jesus die on a cross. How sad _____ must have felt. Three days later, _____ knew Jesus was alive again. How happy _____ must have been.





Mary

The Mother of Jesus

Luke 2:1-4

"The angel...said..." "The Lord is with you" Luke 1: 28. For this project, cut gray felt to fit the donkey's back and soft white flannel to fit the swaddling clothes. Obtain some hay or pine straw for the manger and one craft stick, cut in half, for each stall post. Put glue on one item at a time while explaining how they are a part of the place Jesus was born. Help the children experience the feel of the stable and how hard it was for His mother and for Him. Unfortunately, children many times only associate the Mother of God with Christ through holiday greeting cards and the simple joy of the feast. Have the children use their sense of touch to help them realize she is a real person like their own mothers, who endured hardships to accomplish God's will in her life, just like all mothers who know "the Lord is with you". Mary gave birth to Jesus in a place where animals are kept. Feel the scratchy straw, the warm donkey hair, the soft baby clothes and the rough wooden posts. Mary felt and saw many things like these where Jesus was born when she became a mother. These are just some of the reasons Jesus loved His mother so much. Each child should remember all the hard things each mother goes through in trying to be a good mother, for which each child should show love and appreciation.





Mary

Watching Jesus Grow

Luke 2:21-52

Memory Verse

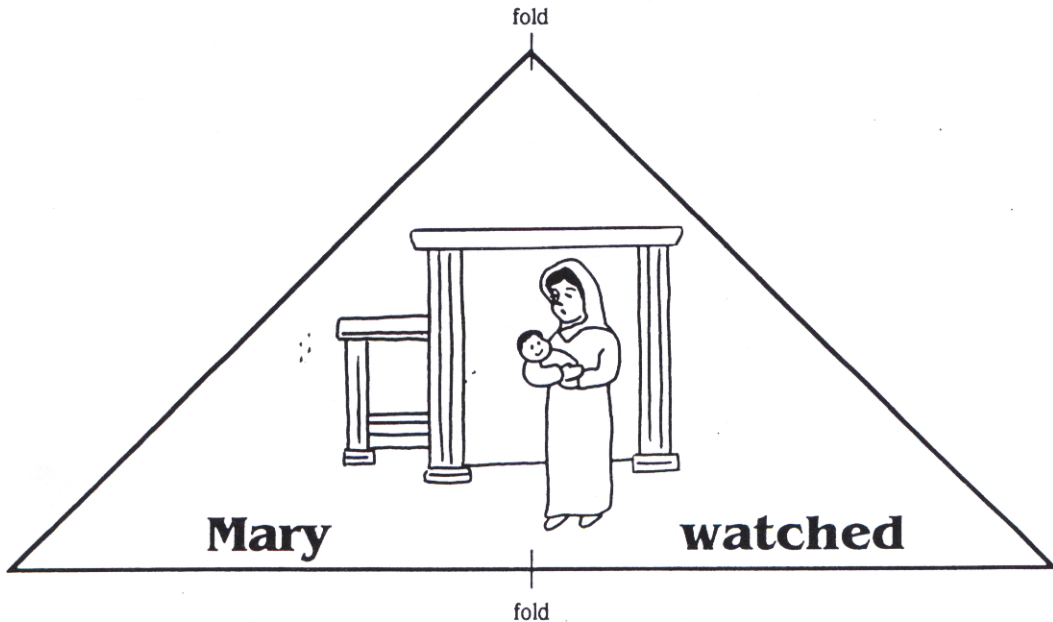
I am the Lord's servant.

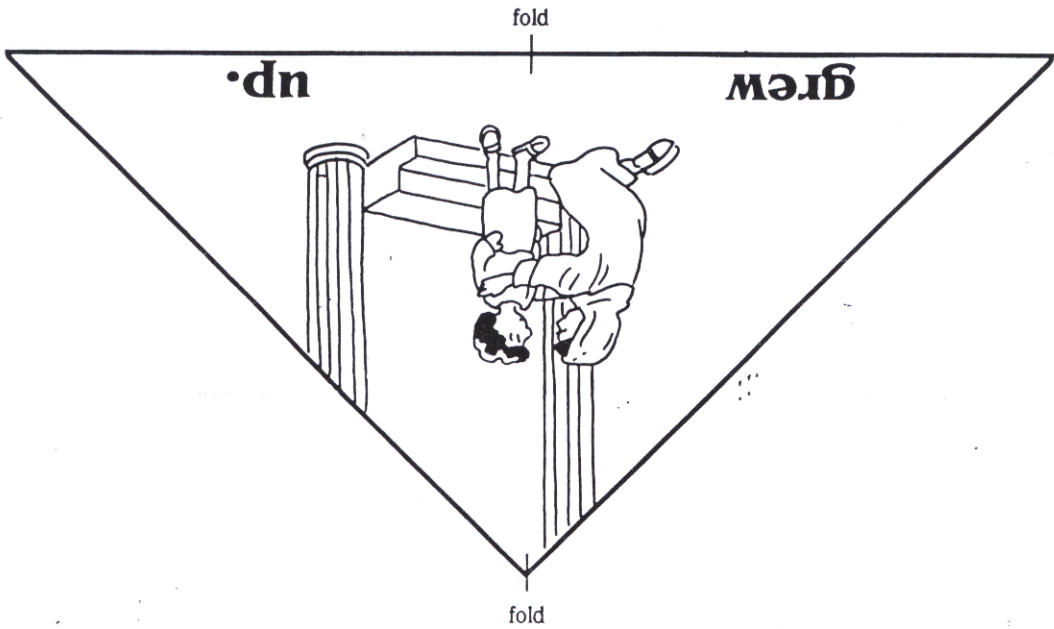
Luke 1:38

Cut out each triangle and fold it forward where indicated. Keep each set of three triangles together. Help the child glue the sections together in this order: *watched to as, Jesus to grew, up to Mary.* Beginning with the picture of Baby Jesus and Mary in the temple, discuss each stage of the boy Jesus' life and the things His mother might have done for Him.

Children love their mommies. This can be utilized to help them realize the Virgin Mary was the mother of Jesus not only when He was born, but as He grew up. She cared for skinned knees. She prepared His food. She knew all along that He was a special child not only as each child is special to its mother, but because He is the Son of God.

This growing up Tri-Fold will help each child understand how the Virgin Mary is the Mother of Jesus at different stages in His life. The triangles are to be glued together so that there is a pyramid of the Mother of God with the Christ Child as He grew. Look at each picture and think of things Mary may have done for Jesus when He was that size.





Completed Tri-Fold

