



My Map of Mary's Road Trips

Mary was kind of a frequent traveler! As we study, you're going to fill this map with footprints to track her road trips. I'll tell you to turn to this page to do some special assignments from time to time.





NAZARETH

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

JERUSALEM

BETHLEHEM

HEBRON
THE HILL COUNTRY
OF JUDEA

JUDEA



**PROPHECY
PUZZLE**

} Find the **KEY WORDS** in these prophecies or announcements about the Savior.

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 Y S Z R Q U A E F U L T Q C B H F R
 C T M R I H P K Z X L B U B K T C B

CLUES

He would crush the devil and have a mom (who is referred to as a **WOMAN**) (Genesis 3:15).

He would be born in the city of **BETHLEHEM** (Micah 5:2).

His great-great-great . . . and more greats . . . grandfather would be **KING DAVID** (Isaiah 9:6–7).

He would have an **EARTHLY FATHER** (Isaiah 7:14).

He would do lots of wonderful **MIRACLES** (Isaiah 35:5–6).

He would spend time in **EGYPT** (Hosea 11:1).

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Have you ever considered how Mary felt when the angel came to tell her she was going to be the mother of Jesus? She was *confused* (or unable to think clearly) and *disturbed* (or upset). And according to the angel, she looked *afraid*.

The angel had to tell her that what was happening was actually very good news for the world.

Look at the verses again. Find the word "Gabriel" used twice to describe the truth about Mary. Fill in the blanks below.

"Greetings, _____ woman!"

"You have found _____ with God!"

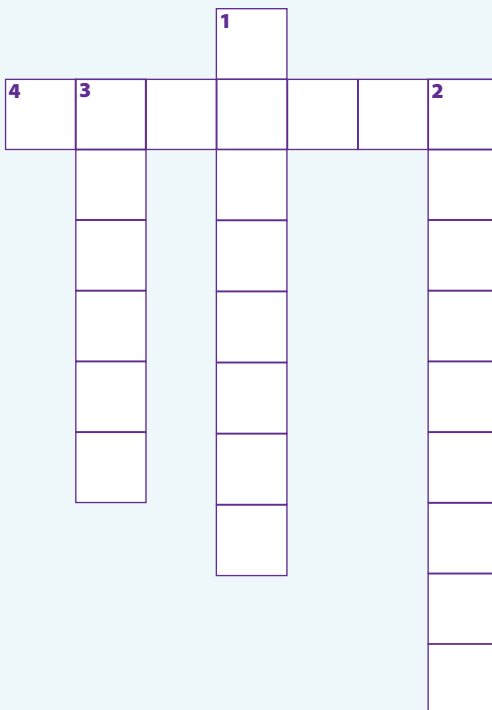
Mary had a dilemma. (That's what you call it when you have to choose between two things, and it's really, really hard.) Would she respond to this news according to her feelings, OR would she respond faithfully according to the truth of the situation?



MARY'S DILEMMA



Use the clues below to fill in the crossword puzzle.



CLUES

ACROSS:

4. Special and preferred
(The word the angel used to tell Mary the truth of her situation.)

UP AND DOWN:

- Three words that describe how Mary felt about her situation.
1. Unable to think clearly, puzzled
 2. Emotionally upset (hint hint, starts with a "d"!)
 3. Feeling fear

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Here's a hard question: Why do **YOU** think Mary went to see Elizabeth?



The Bible doesn't tell us specifically why Mary went to see Elizabeth, and because we weren't there, we can only make educated guesses. Here are some of my guesses!



WHY DID MARY GO TO SEE ELIZABETH?

} Put a star by the reasons Mary may have gone to see Elizabeth that you think are good ideas. Cross out any ideas that you think were not the reason.

To see if what the angel told her about Elizabeth was true because it would help her believe the rest of what the angel said

To possibly eat some delicious cucumber and melon salad—a favorite back in the day!

To take a worship lesson

To go for a super long walk

To get some advice about her situation

To get encouragement because she felt afraid about what God was asking her to do

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Remember, these are only guesses about why Mary went to see Elizabeth. (We can't be sure, but I just wanted to get you thinking.) Let's see how Mary responded to her encouragement.

LUKE 1:46–55



Take a purple pencil or marker and draw music notes around this song. (Extra challenge: Instead of just reading these verses, make up a melody and sing it like Mary would have!)

46 Mary responded, "Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. **47** How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior! **48** For he took notice of his lowly servant girl, and from now on all generations will call me blessed.

49 For the Mighty One is holy, and he has done great things for me.

We magnify God's name like a telescope magnifies the moon! The moon is already huge and doesn't need to be bigger. But when we use a telescope to magnify it, we have help seeing the moon through our very limited human vision.

Magnifying God works the same way. There are some things we do that help us focus on who God is and see just how big He is—even though our understanding is limited. Worship is one of those things! It helps us put God in His proper perspective in our eyes. Through our worship, we draw close to Him and, as a result, can magnify His name to other people, making God's greatness more evident to them! Through Mary's worship, God was magnified.



MARY MAGNIFIES



Circle some of the things Mary did to help herself clearly see God as He truly is.

Went to visit
a friend who
loved God

FORGOT
to PRAY

sang a
worship
song

ATE
BREAKFAST

TALKED TO
A FRIEND
ABOUT GOD

SKIPPED
WORSHIP
TIME

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Always Be
Joyful!
Never Stop
Praying

Be thankful in all circumstances,
for this is

God's Will

for you who belong to

CHRIST JESUS.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

ZOOM IN!

LUKE 2:1-21



Read the Bible passage below. You'll probably find it super familiar! **Use a purple pencil or marker to draw a squiggly line under every location you read about. Include cities, countries, and empires!**

1 At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. **2** (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) **3** All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. **4** And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. **5** He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child. **6** And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. **7** She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them. **8** That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. **9** Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among

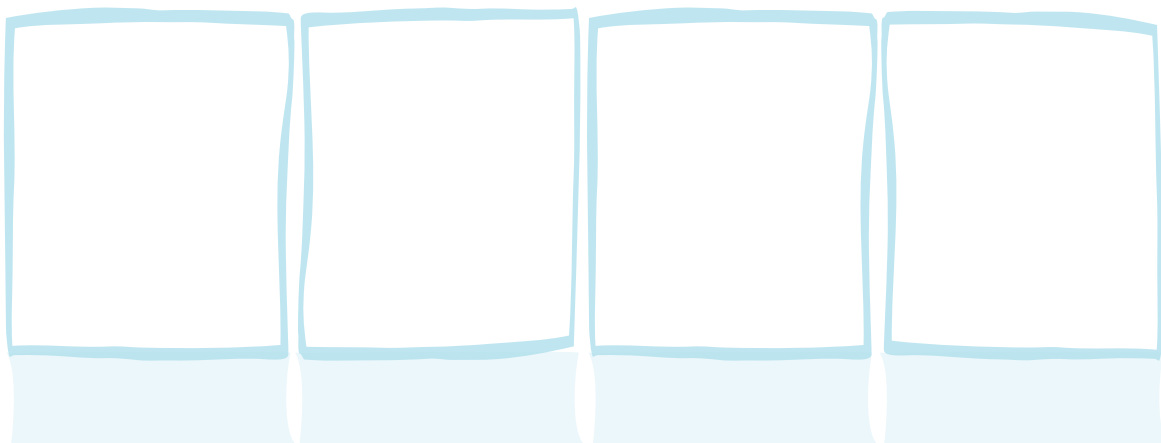
CONSECRATED COMICS Use Luke 2:1-21 to draw a comic strip of the key events in the amazing Christmas story. If you need help finding that many, reread the Bible passage or ask your mom for ideas about how to break it up. (Your first square can be used to draw Mary on a donkey with Joseph leading the way to Nazareth! Then, just go from there and tell the story. There's no exact way to do it.)

Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem			

them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, **10** but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. **11** The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! **12** And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." **13** Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, **14** "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." **15** When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." **16** They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. **17** After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. **18** All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished, **19** but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often. **20** The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them. **21** Eight days later, when the baby was circumcised, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel even before he was conceived.



Pause! Turn back to the map because we've got another trip to add!
Draw a path from Nazareth to Bethlehem with your black pencil or marker.





PRACTICING IMMEDIATE OBEDIENCE



OK, let's think through what obeying your parents immediately looks like.

With your green pencil, put a check ✓

by the options that are immediate obedience. With your red pencil, put an ✗ by the options that are delayed obedience:

- _____ **1** Your mom asks you to get her a spoon to stir the soup on the stove, but you wait a few minutes so you can finish your drawing.
- _____ **2** Your Sunday school teacher asks you to help serve snacks, so you drop what you're doing to help.
- _____ **3** Your grandma asks you to grab the mail for her, so you quickly reel in your fishing line and run to the mailbox.
- _____ **4** Your friend's mom asks you to clean up because your dad is coming to get you, but you're having a really fun time playing. You decide to clean up later.
- _____ **5** You're finishing a game with your sister, and your mom says you need to go to bed. But instead, you squish in one more game before heading to your room.

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In some of these examples, you **ARE** eventually doing what you've been asked, but not every one of them is obedience. **Are you able to tell why?**



In options 1, 4, and 5 you *do* complete the task that's been asked of you. But you *delay* your response. Here's a hard truth . . . actually, I'm not just gonna give it to you! (I'm gonna make you work *hard* for it. See what I did there?!) Bust the secret code using the code key below to find out the "hard truth" I'm talkin' about.

TRUTH TELLER?

Delayed obedience is just:

Use the

**CODE
BUSTER
KEY**

to crack the
code!



Now, I have some good news! *Sometimes* when we delay, God graciously gives us a second chance to obey. My farm story doesn't end with me being disobedient. After quite a few months, Bob and I realized that we weren't trusting God. We went to see the people who wanted to buy our farm, but they had sadly decided to buy land to build their own farm. We apologized to them for not trusting God's plan and asked them to forgive us. (At the time of writing this Bible study, we were in the process of patiently waiting for God to bring us another buyer.) But we still believe God wants us to build a new home for True Girl and our other ministry work. This time we've decided that when God is ready, we will *choose* to obey **IMMEDIATELY!**

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IN YOUR OWN LIFE

I don't know what God will ask you to do in the future, but let me promise you this: He has good plans for you. Don't just take that from me, though! Check out what the Bible says!

Use an orange pencil or marker to circle some of the good words God uses to describe His plan for you.



"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD.

"They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you

a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)

Some of the things God leads you to do will feel uncomfortable. Some of them might even be super boring. But all of them matter.

If you circled “prophecies,” you are correct! They are statements from God about what will happen in the future. There are over 300 prophecies about Jesus Christ in the Old Testament. They were kind of like puzzle pieces. When all of them came together and happened in the life of one person, the people could know the Savior had come! Some of God’s people studied these prophecies carefully. We’re going to meet two of those people in today’s lesson. But first, let’s look at a few of the prophecies.



THE PUZZLE PIECES OF PROPHECY



On the left side are some prophecies about the Savior from the Old Testament. On the right side are records about Jesus’

birth and life from the New Testament. Put the pieces of the puzzle together by matching them up correctly.

They knew He’d be born of a woman.
(Genesis 3:15)

God was Jesus’ true father, not Joseph.
(Luke 1:34–35)

They knew He’d have an adoptive father.
(Isaiah 7:14)

He was raised in Nazareth.
(Matthew 2:23)

They knew where He’d be born.
(Micah 5:2)

Mary was from King David’s family.
(Luke 3:23–38)

They knew He’d spend time in Egypt.
(Hosea 11:1)

Mary gave birth to Jesus.
(Matthew 1:20)


They knew He’d be called a Nazarene.
(Isaiah 11:1)

His parents hid Jesus here.
(Matthew 2:14–15)

They knew one of His great-great-grandfathers would be King David.
(Isaiah 9:6–7)

Jesus was born in Bethlehem.
(Luke 2:4–6)

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will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul.”³⁶ Anna, a prophet, was also there in the Temple. She was the daughter of Phanuel from the tribe of Asher, and she was very old. Her husband died when they had been married only seven years.³⁷ Then she lived as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the Temple but stayed there day and night, worshiping God with fasting and prayer.³⁸ She came along just as Simeon was talking with Mary and Joseph, and she began praising God. She talked about the child to everyone who had been waiting expectantly for God to rescue Jerusalem. 



PEOPLE AND PLACES

} OK, let's see if you found all the key people and two important places in Luke 2:22–38. Use the clues to figure out the name or place you're looking for

and then find it in the word search. The last word you're looking for tells us what those people did when they recognized baby Jesus.

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CLUES

1. They were in the city of J_____ (Luke 2:22).
2. S_____ was a righteous and devout man (Luke 2:25).
3. A_____ was a very old prophetess (Luke 2:36).
4. These two old people met baby Jesus at the T_____ (Luke 2:27, 37).
5. When they saw baby Jesus, they pr____ed God (Luke 2:28, 38).

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ZERO IN: What does it mean?

The two temple scenes are some pretty Magnificent Moments in the life of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. **On a scale of 1 to 10, how magnificent do you think your life is?**

My Magnificent Moments



“not at all”

“sometimes”

“100%—all the time!”

Do you wish your life were more magnificent? Why or why not?

→ _____

Here’s the thing: The two Magnificent Moment stories we read about Mary today have 12 long years between them.

Magnificent Moments Timeline

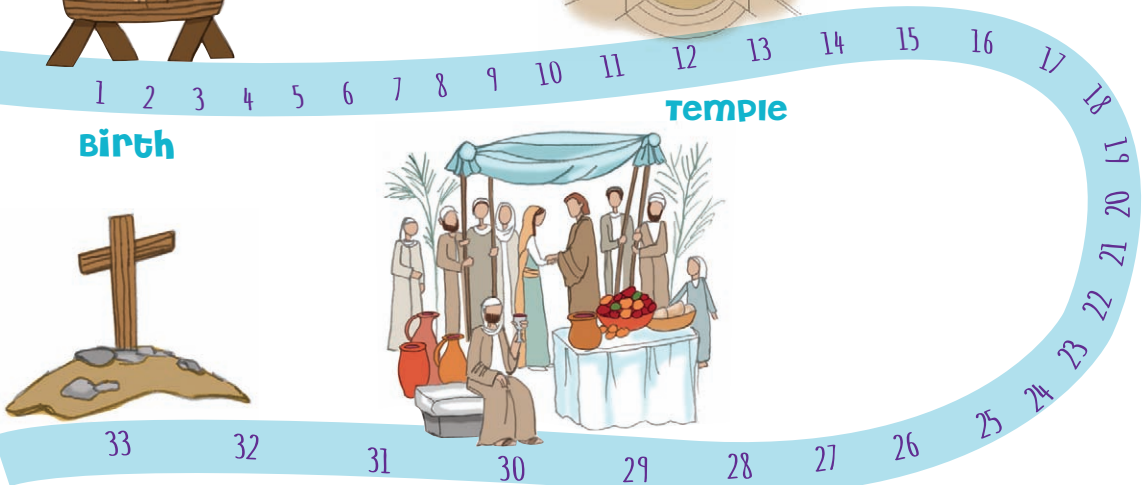
Circle the years 1 and 12 in the Magnificent Moments Timeline below.



Birth



Temple



First miracle

After what happened at the temple when He was 12, we don't read anything else about Mary and Jesus until He is 30 years old! That's 18 years!!! (You probably haven't even lived that long yet!) After that, He had a lot of Magnificent Moments before He died.

Circle 30–33 in the Magnificent Moments Timeline. Then, take a moment and look at all those un-magnificent years in between!

I wonder how all of the years in between the Magnificent Moments looked. *What were Mary's typical days like? How did she spend her time? Was the rest of her life as exciting as these Magnificent Moments?*

Probably not.

Here's what we do know: Mary and her family continued to live in Nazareth. Most women who lived there back then spent their days doing some pretty ordinary things. Their mission in life was to keep the family fed and the home functioning.



MARY'S MISSION



Find the tasks that Mary probably did on a regular basis. (We're guessing!)

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What she probably did when her house got dirty.

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What she probably did when everyone was hungry.

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What she probably did most of the day after she had babies.

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Zoom In & Out—Who? What? Where? When? Why?

ZOOM OUT!

Now, before we hop back into Mary’s life, let’s get one thing clear. Ultimately, the most faithful One in this study isn’t Mary. It’s God! Remember, we are not able to be faithful without His help. Let’s take a moment to remember many of the ways God has provided for Mary up until this point. God never left Mary stranded or abandoned, and it’s important to remember *His* faithfulness. So, let’s *zoom out* and remember God’s provision in Mary’s life until now.



PERFECT PROVISION

Fill in the blanks to complete this word puzzle about some of the different ways that God has already provided for Mary.



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When Joseph was not sure about what was going on, an angel came and told him to be Mary’s _____ . (Matthew 1:18–25)



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When Mary was going through what no woman had ever gone through before, God gave her a _____ named Elizabeth. (Luke 1:39–45)



M					
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Upon arriving in Bethlehem and finding no room, God led Mary and Joseph to a kind innkeeper who let them stay in a stable. Mary had to lay baby Jesus in a _____ . (Luke 2:7)



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During Jesus’ early years, God led wise men to Bethlehem to worship and honor Him with expensive _____ . (Matthew 2:11)



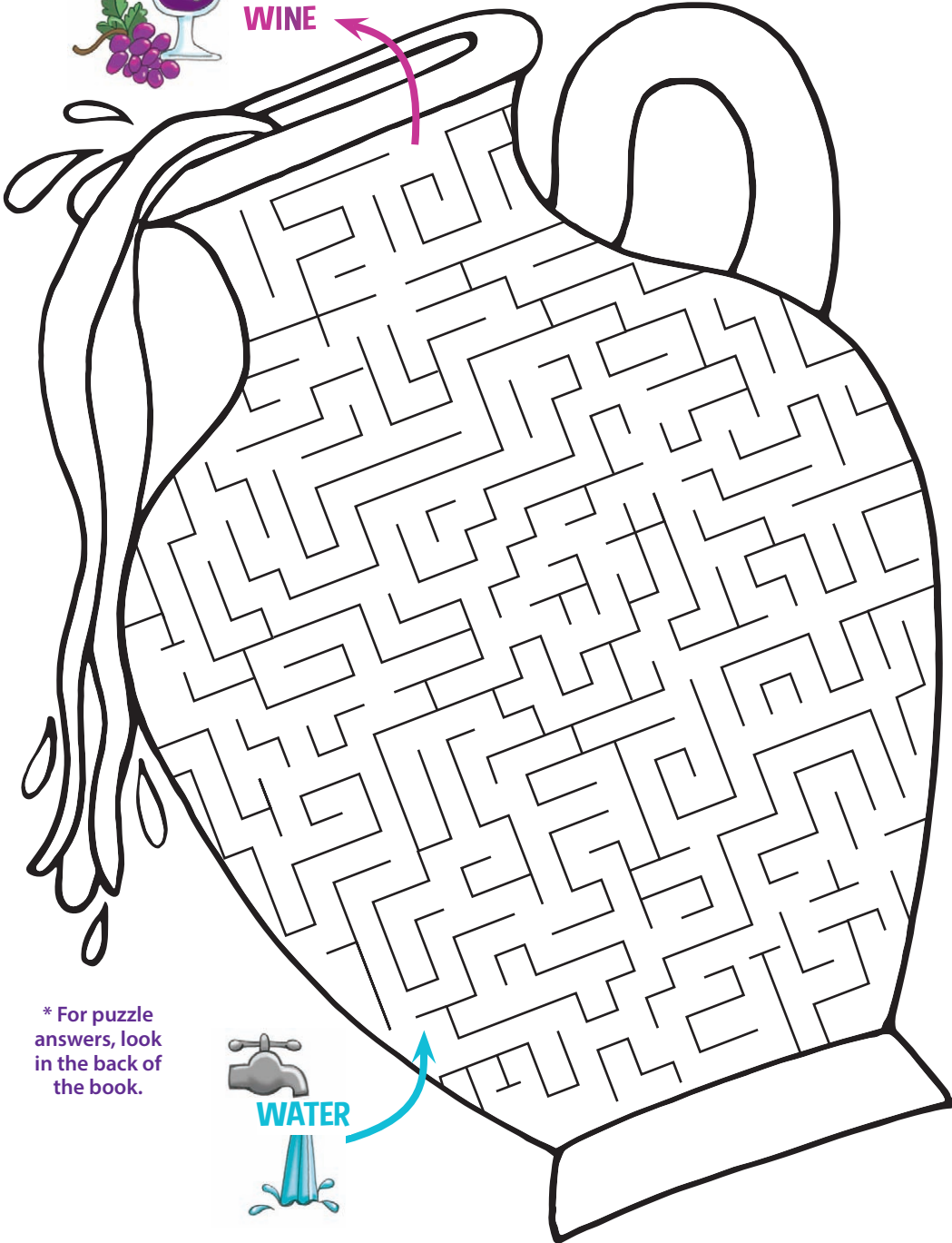
WATER INTO WINE



Jesus used six jugs that were nearby to turn water into wine. Use a red pencil or marker to trace the maze. Begin at "water" and end at "wine."



WINE




* For puzzle answers, look in the back of the book.




WATER





SUFFERING OF THE CROSS



Circle all of the horrible things that Jesus experienced in today's Bible reading.

HIS HANDS AND FEET WERE NAILED TO THE CROSS. HE WAS GIVEN A REFRESHING DRINK OF WATER. HE WAS NAKED AND HIS CLOTHING WAS DIVIDED UP FOR SOLDIERS TO TAKE. HE TOLD EVERYONE HE WAS MAD. HE HAD A COMFY CROWN ON HIS HEAD. HE WAS SUPER THIRSTY, BUT THEY GAVE HIM SOUR WINE INSTEAD OF WATER. HIS SIDE WAS PIERCED WITH A SPEAR. HE DIED.



SOUL SUFFERING

} Do you remember when we studied how Mary and Joseph took baby Jesus to the temple to dedicate Him? Simeon spoke to Mary and told her that “a sword will pierce your very soul” (Luke 2:35). Find the key words in Luke 2:35 in the word search.

SWORD PIERCE SOUL

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R	D	E	V	V	W	H	L	S	K	K	F
C	G	H	K	N	M	L	K	W	M	G	O
E	S	W	O	R	D	C	F	P	E	N	V
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X	O	U	O	Y	X	V	M	P	S	Y	G

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I wonder if she thought of those words when she stood by the cross, watching Jesus die. Perhaps this moment at the cross was the ultimate sword that pierced her soul.

The suffering of Jesus was also a suffering for Mary.

But look what happens as she is standing there in deep emotional pain. Jesus—though He was in excruciating physical pain—remains faithful.

With a red pencil or marker, write the word "new" above the word "covenant" when it first appears in the verse. Write the word "old" above the word "covenant" the second time it appears.

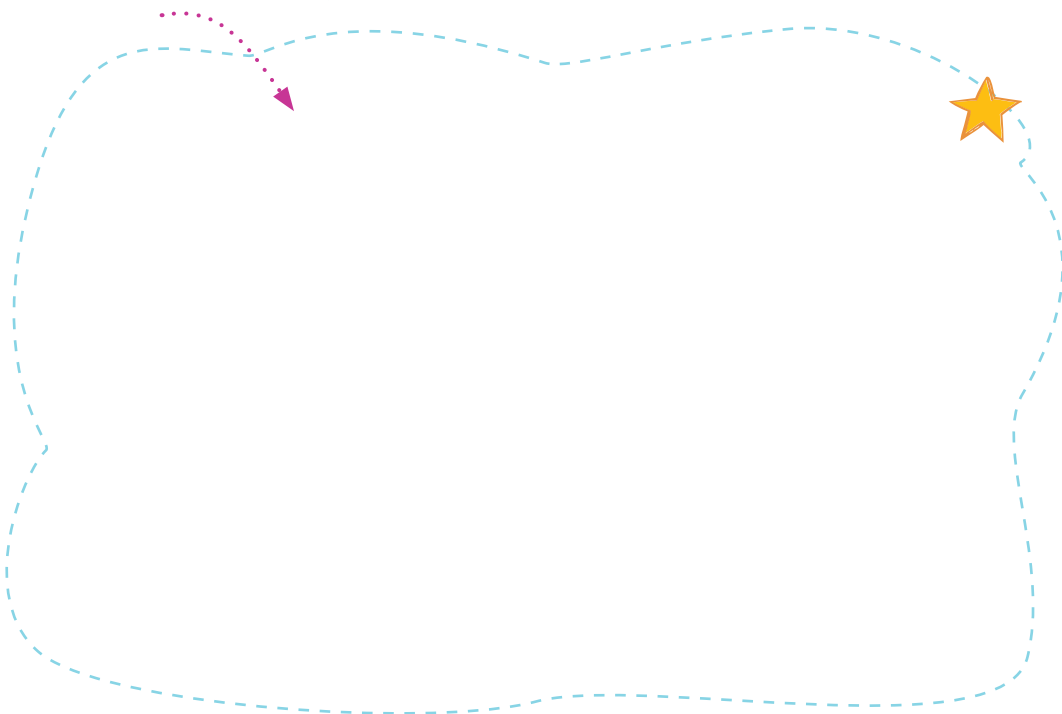
Through Jesus, God faithfully saved the entire world from sin and death. He has established a new, unbreakable promise of faithfulness. The new covenant was made possible through the death of Jesus. The old one was no longer necessary. No more sacrificing lambs.

Now, I want to let you in on a litttttle secret. You'll need to turn to the front cover to see it.



**The Lamb of God who takes away
the sin of the world!**

Draw a picture of what Mary is holding on the cover of this book.



A lamb! Now, when I was working on the design for this cover, my team and I had a lot of ideas. We thought about having Mary hold baby Jesus. Butttttt we wanted to express to you that He was so much more than a baby or even a man that grew up to be an adult. He was the perfect Sacrificial Lamb of God that could cover sin's punishment once and for all.

If you have never made a commitment to follow Jesus and make Him your Savior, that is your first step in becoming a girl of faithfulness. You cannot be faithful without Him.

If you have made Jesus the Lord of your life by asking Him to rule and reign in your heart—go in the strength of Jesus and be a *girl of faithfulness*.

Which brings me to one last puzzle! (Why not go out having fun?!)



WHY DID I WRITE THIS BOOK? }

With a green pencil or marker, put a checkmark ✓ next to the answer you think is correct.

Put red X's ✗ on the answers you think are incorrect.

1.
so we can
honor and
praise
mary for her
heroic
work.

2.
To learn,
from **Mary's**
faithful
example and
become **more**
like **Jesus.**

3.
FOR NO
REASON. THIS
BOOK HAS NO
PURPOSE.

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We've been studying the life of Mary, but indirectly it's been about Jesus. It's always about Jesus. Never forget that, my friend!