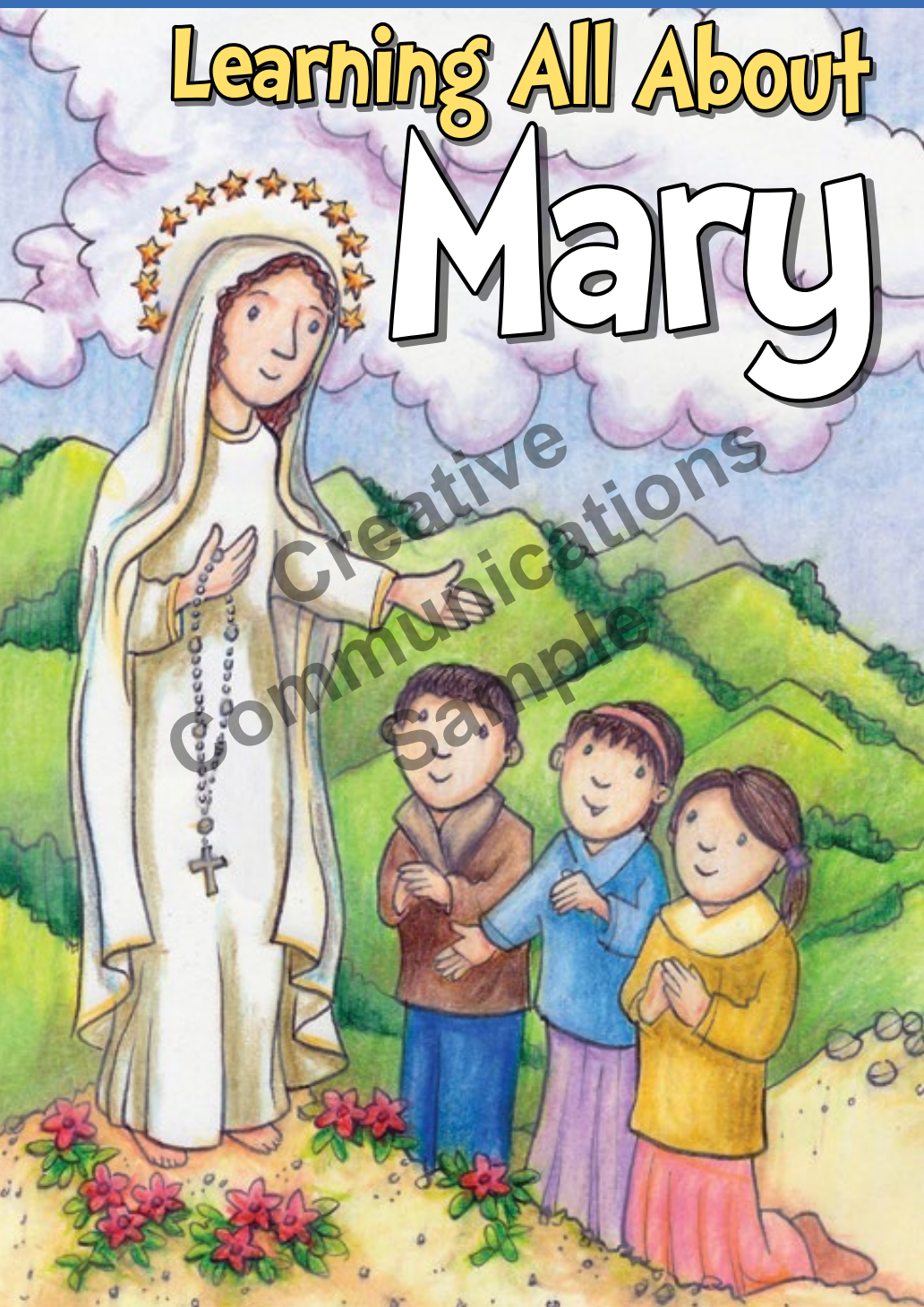


Learning All About Mary



Hail Mary...

You've probably heard these words a lot. Maybe you say this prayer. But have you ever wondered why we say it? What about all the songs, statues and feast days dedicated to Mary? Why do we honor Mary so much?

First, think about this. People who do great and heroic things have schools, streets and even cities named after them. Some heroes even have holidays in their honor. Great people can inspire us to do great things too. It's a little like that with Church heroes. Except that when we honor the people who love and follow Jesus, we're not glorifying them, we're giving God the glory. Now, can you think of any saint who loved and followed Jesus more than his own mom?

Who could be more loving, kind and good than the person God himself chose to be the mother of his son?

No one else but Mary.

When we give Mary the honor that's due to her, we give glory to God who created her. And imagine how happy that makes Jesus! We have so many great ways to honor our Blessed Mother Mary. Want to know more? Keep reading! You can place stickers or do fun activities on each page as you go!



Do you see the picture of Mary on the cover?
Turn to page 10 to read the story of Our Lady of Fatima!



As you connect the dots to create this picture of a person who loves you very much, think about what you might say to her and what she is saying to you.

**We never
give more
honor to
Jesus than
when we
honor his
mother.**

—St. Louis
Marie de
Montfort



Imagine you're minding your own business when suddenly a real live angel visits you! That's what happened to Mary when she was about 14. It must have been a little scary because we read in the Bible that the angel, whose name was Gabriel, told Mary not to be afraid. He called her "favored one," which is another way of saying that Mary was chosen by

God and that she was full of God's grace. In fact, Mary was so full of God's love and goodness, she didn't have room for even the tiniest sin, which made Mary the perfect person to hear the next piece of news: she was going to be the mother of the long-awaited savior, the Son of God. Mary's life was about to change—a lot! But Mary didn't complain. She humbly and quietly said "yes" to the angel about God's plan for her.

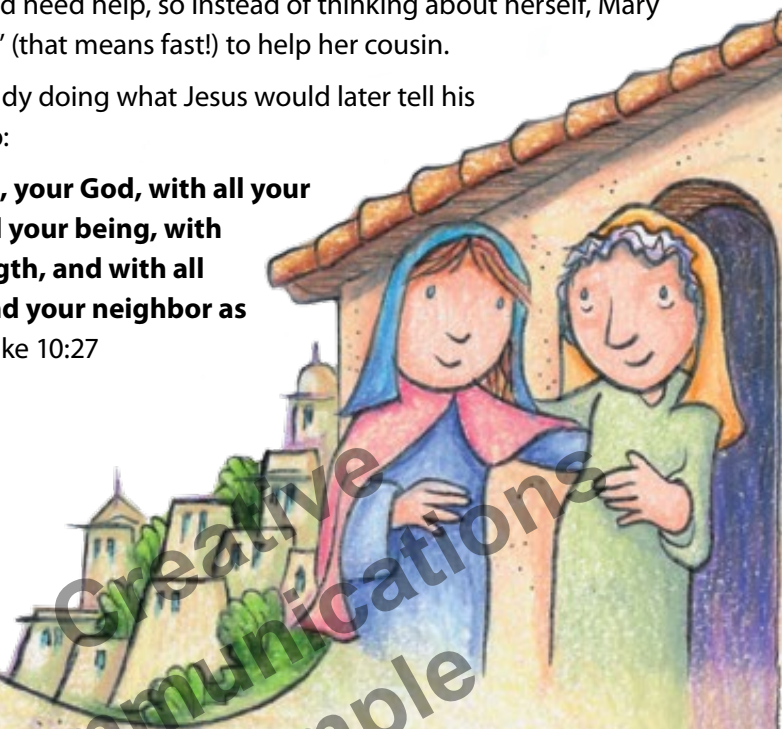
What's the first thing you'd do if a heavenly messenger announced that your life was about to be turned upside down? Mary knew what she had to do. The angel had explained that Mary's elderly cousin Elizabeth was going to have a baby. Mary knew

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Elizabeth would need help, so instead of thinking about herself, Mary went “in haste” (that means fast!) to help her cousin.

Mary was already doing what Jesus would later tell his followers to do:

Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself. —Luke 10:27



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Find the stickers that fit the shapes, then solve the rebus to find out what Mary's cousin, Elizabeth, said when Mary arrived to help her (Luke 1:44).

The Lord is With You...

When a mom is getting ready to have a baby, she needs rest and peace, right? But Mary had to make a long trip to Bethlehem with Joseph. There, they had no place to stay, so baby Jesus slept in a manger—where sheep and goats ate. (Think of what that smelled like!) Soon after Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph escaped to Egypt because jealous old King Herod was after baby Jesus!

Did things get better for Mary? Well, the Bible tells us that once it was safe, the Holy Family returned home to Nazareth. We know that Mary and Joseph raised Jesus in a loving, holy way. They brought him to the temple, just as your parents probably take you to church. (Remember the story of how young Jesus was lost in the temple? That was probably stressful for Mary until she found Jesus, three days later!)



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Jesus loves her. The saints love her. And we love Mary too! Here you'll learn more about why our Blessed Mother Mary is loved so much by so many people all around the world. You'll learn how Jesus' mom is our mom too! Plus, there are colorful stickers and fun activities to help you learn about Mary, who loves you too!

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