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JESUS OUR SAVIOR

The Life of Jesus for the very young

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BOOK 1

His Early Life

GOD CHOOSES THE MOTHER OF JESUS

Many, many years ago, a lovely maiden lived in a little town called Nazareth. Of all the people in the world, she was the most holy. The name of this holy maiden was Mary.

God chose a kind and holy man named Joseph to be Mary's husband. Joseph was to take care of her. He had a special work to do.

Now it happened that the whole world was waiting for some one to come and save them. All good men and women prayed that the Savior would come soon. Mary hoped that she would live to see Him.

One day when Mary was praying, a bright light filled the room. Mary looked up. There before her stood one of God's most beautiful angels. It was the Archangel Gabriel. God had sent him from heaven with special news for Mary.

"Hail, full of grace," the angel said. "The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women."

Then the archangel told Mary that the Savior was coming. This Savior would be God's own Son.



God sends an angel to Mary.

And God wanted Mary to be His Mother. Would she say yes?

Gabriel waited. Mary wanted to do everything to please God. She bowed her head and said, "Behold the Handmaid of the Lord." That meant yes.

Then the Holy Spirit came down upon Mary. The Son of God had now come from heaven to Mary. He would stay as a baby near Mary's heart until He would be born into this world.

The angel had told Mary that her cousin Elizabeth, too, would have a baby. Mary knew that her cousin was old and that she would need help. Therefore Mary went to visit her cousin. The path to Elizabeth's house took Mary over steep hills.

The Holy Spirit had told Elizabeth about Mary's secret. When Elizabeth saw her cousin coming she went to meet her.

"How is it that the Mother of my Lord has come to me?" Elizabeth asked.

On hearing Elizabeth's words, Mary sang a heavenly song of praise to God for choosing her to be the Mother of His Son.



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Elizabeth meets her cousin Mary.