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JESUS' MOTHER Children, obey your parents. Colossians 3:20. Raphael

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## JESUS' MOTHER

ARY lived in a little white house on a hill. All the children in the village loved Mary. And Mary loved the children.

Mary loved God.

Perhaps more than anything else, Mary wanted a little baby of her own.

One day when Mary was all by herself God sent an angel to tell her a happy secret. The angel said, "Mary, you have pleased God. He loves you.

"God is going to send you the best gift in all the world. He is going to send you a little baby. You will name the baby Jesus."

Then the angel went away.

Mary was so happy that she began to sing. She sang a beautiful song of thanks to God. Mary sang as she got ready for the coming of her baby. She sang as she made soft, warm clothes for him.

One day Mary went to Bethlehem.

That night when the stars were shining and everything was still and quiet, God sent the Baby Jesus to Mary.

Mary was happy as she took the little baby in her arms and loved him. She was happy as she wrapped him in the soft, warm clothes she had made. She was happy as she fixed a little bed for him.

She thanked God for her baby boy. She named the baby Jesus, as the angel had said.

Mary loved her Baby and took good care of him.

She remembered all the nice things which friends said about her baby. She was happy when kind friends brought presents to her baby.

The Baby Jesus grew and grew. And Mary was very happy.

## Dear Mother:

Today we have been thinking about our mothers. We have had the story of Mary's love and care for the Baby Jesus. We hope your child has gained a greater appreciation of your love and care for him, and feels that you are one of God's best gifts to him.

The children have planned to show their love for Mother by cheerfully obeying and doing things to help. Will you not make obeying and helping as easy and pleasant as possible for your child this week? Choose opportune times to make requests. Make clear to him what you wish him to do. Commend him when he obeys promptly or helps. Give him an opportunity to do simple tasks such as bringing in the milk or the kindling, drying the dishes, putting away his toys.

Lovingly,

Teacher.

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