Mary

"And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a **virgin**—espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary" (Luke 1:26-27).

ary was a **righteous** young woman who lived long ago in a city called Nazareth. She was preparing to marry a good man named Joseph when, one day, the angel Gabriel appeared to her. The angel told Mary that she was blessed and **highly favored** of God. Then he told her that a wonderful thing would happen—she would have a baby who would be the Son of God! Mary was confused, but the angel told her to not fear and to have faith.

Mary had faith. She believed the angel, and she believed in God. Her baby would be named Jesus.

a virtuous young woman

following God and having faith in Him

chosen because of obedience



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Even though Mary was probably worried by what the angel told

her, she had the faith to accept God's will. She said, "My spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour" (Luke 1:47). Have you ever been afraid because you thought something was too hard to do? Remember, God loves you and will help you! To read more about the angel's visit to Mary, read Luke 1:26–38.