

The Joyful Mysteries



The Annunciation

The angel Gabriel asks Mary to be the Mother of Jesus.



When we pray the Rosary, we say certain prayers, like the Our Father and Hail Mary. But we also remember stories that are called "mysteries." Mysteries are stories about God, and so we never know enough about them. They never get old, because they keep telling us things we never knew before.

The Visitation

Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth. Elizabeth's baby (St. John the Baptist) recognizes Mary's Baby (Jesus) in the womb!



The Rosary tells the story of Jesus, in four parts: the Joyful Mysteries, the Luminous Mysteries, the Sorrowful Mysteries, and the Glorious Mysteries. We will begin with the Joyful Mysteries, which are happy stories.

The Nativity

Mary gives birth to Jesus in a manger.



We learn about the life of the Holy Family as we pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. We see they had the same joys and sorrows that we have in our own families.

The Presentation

Mary and Joseph take Jesus to the Temple, and Simeon and Anna recognize Jesus as the Messiah.



After learning about the Joyful Mysteries, we can answer these questions:

The Finding in the Temple

Mary and Joseph fear Jesus is lost. They find him teaching in the temple



1. To whom did the Archangel Gabriel appear?
2. What did the angel tell Mary she must name her son? (Luke 1)
3. What was the name of Mary's husband?
4. Whom did Mary go to visit? (Luke 1)
5. What did Mary and Joseph use for a crib?
6. Where was Jesus born?
7. What gifts did the 3 Kings take to the Baby Jesus? (Matthew 2)
8. When do we celebrate Jesus' birthday?
9. What was the name of the town where Jesus, Mary and Joseph lived? (Luke 2)
10. What sign did God give to the 3 Kings so they could find the Baby Jesus? (Matthew 2)

THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

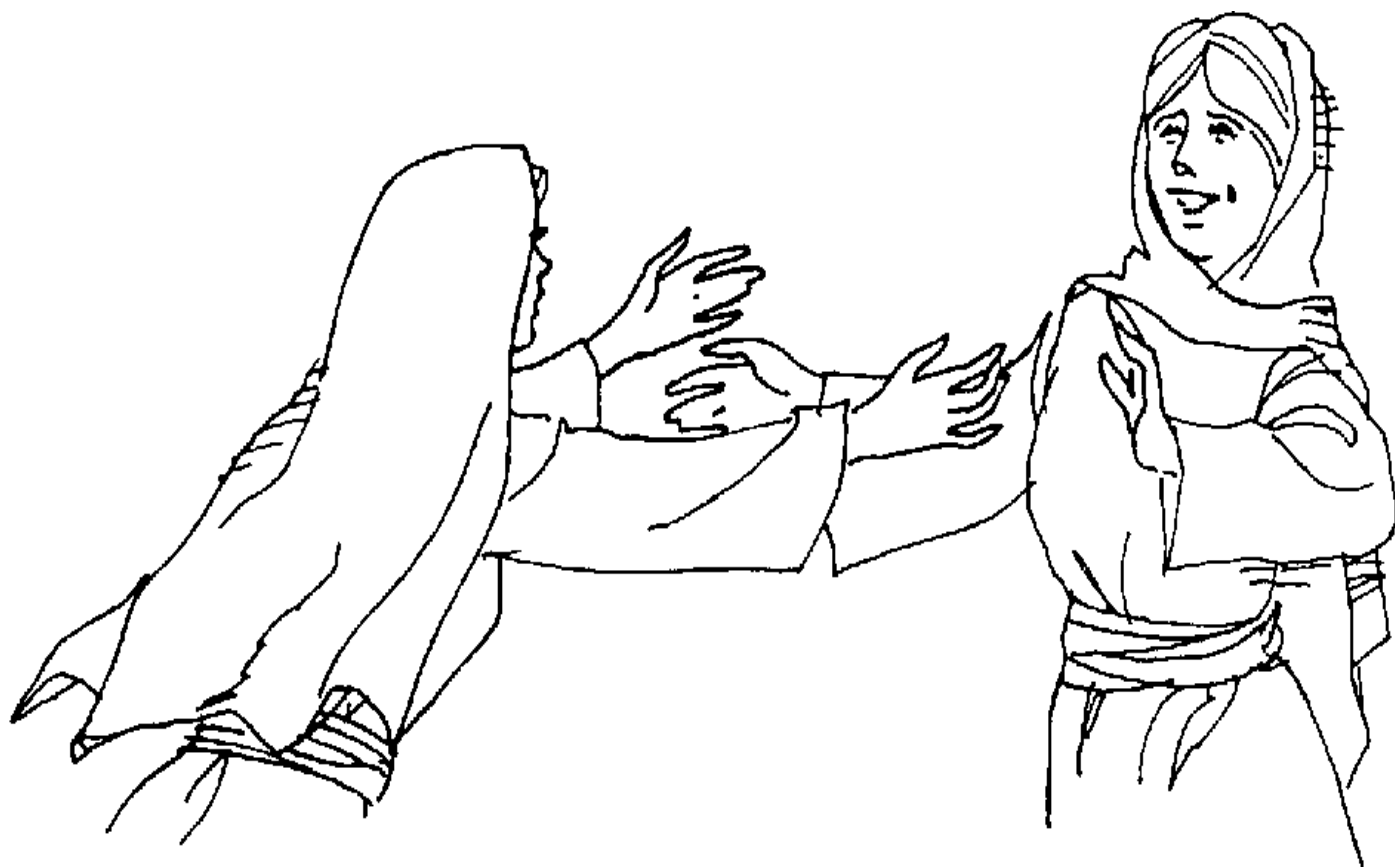


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what happens in each mystery.

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THE FINDING OF JESUS