

Mary and Jesus

3 stories

1. Jesus in the temple (Luke 2:41-52)

Characters

Narrator

Mary

Joseph

Jesus

Nar: When Jesus was 12 years old, Mary and Joseph and all the family went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. They had a great time and as they packed their bags none of them wanted to leave Jerusalem.

Mary: God is so good Joseph, so good. You can just feel him all around you in the temple. It's such a wonderful feeling.

Jos: He is gracious and merciful and full of love Mary. You're right, God is so good.

Nar: They set off on the long road to Nazareth, still singing and praising God. The children laughed and joked with their cousins and friends. As the sun began to set they decided to stop for the night.

Mary: Children come here! You need to eat and rest before tomorrow's journey.

Nar: Mary looked at her children.

Mary: Jesus! Jesus! Come along it's time to rest!

Nar: But Jesus didn't come. They looked all around them. They asked their friends and relatives.

Mary: Have you seen Jesus?

Jos: Is he with you?

Nar: Panic started to overtake them as they realised that Jesus was not with them. They packed their bags, left the other children with their relatives, and set off for Jerusalem.

Mary: We must look everywhere until we find him.

Jos: Don't worry Mary. We'll not leave Jerusalem without him.

Nar: They went everywhere. The last place they looked was the temple.

Mary: He must be in here.

Jos: It's the only place left.

Nar: Suddenly they stopped. They could hardly believe what they saw; There was Jesus sitting with the teachers and Pharisees, talking with them.

Mary: Jesus! What are you doing?

Jos: We've been looking for you everywhere.

Jesus: Didn't you know I would be in my father's house?

Nar: Joseph and Mary did not understand what Jesus was saying. They took him back to Nazareth where he did everything they asked of him.

2. Come home with us (Matthew 12:46-50)

Characters

Narrator

Mary

Sister

Man

Jesus

Nar: When Jesus was 30 he left Nazareth and set off across Galilee. He was teaching and preaching and healing the sick. Many people followed him, but some started to plot against him. News came to Jesus mother and family that he might be in danger so they set out to take him home to safety.

Mary: We must take him back to Nazareth before anything terrible happens.

Sis: Don't worry mother, we'll bring him back with us.

Nar: They came to the house where Jesus was teaching his disciples. They knocked on the door.

Man: Yes? What do you want?

Sis: We've come for Jesus.

Man: You and the rest of Galilee!

Mary: But I'm his mother.

Man: Well why didn't you say so. I'll tell him you're here.

Nar: Back in the house Jesus was told.

Man: Jesus, your mother and brothers and sisters are here.

Jesus: Who is my mother? Who are my brothers and sisters? You are my mother and brothers and sisters because everyone who does my will is my mother and brother and sister.

Nar: Mary was told what Jesus had said. His brothers and sisters wanted to rush in and get him, but Mary said:

Mary: No, he knows what he must do. We just need to trust him, to let him go and trust him.

3. At the cross (John 19:25-27)

Characters

Narrator

Mary

John

Jesus

Nar: Jesus was taken by the Roman soldiers to the hill of execution. They nailed him to the cross so that he hung high above everyone's heads. People stood around and watched. There was a group of women, one of them was Jesus mother. With her was Jesus friend John. They were all very sad.

John: You don't have to stay Mary. You don't have to watch. I can take you home.

Mary: No John, I want to stay, I need to stay. I was with him at the beginning, I need to be with him at the end.

Nar: Jesus looked at his mother and at his friend John.

Jesus: Dear woman, this is your son, and son, this is now your mother.

Nar: From then on John took Mary into his own family and took care of her.

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