

Mary the Mother of Jesus



WE PRAY TOGETHER



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Dear God, we thank you for your Son, Jesus. You sent your angel, Gabriel, to announce the news to Mary. She was chosen to be the Mother of Jesus. We thank you also for our mothers, aunts, grandmothers and godmothers who love us and care for us. Amen.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

A woman named Mother Theresa of Calcutta was called Mother by thousands of people. She cared for very sick people in India. She never had children of her own. Yet she loved the children she took care of as if they were her own. When Mother Theresa was asked how she could keep taking care of the sick day after day, she would smile and say, "I am doing something beautiful for God."

Another woman to know is Tsuveeg. She was the daughter of an Armenian

prince. Although she had children of her own, she took care of other children who needed her attention and love as if they were her very own. She and other Armenian women made certain that these children went to school and were raised having faith in God. These children grew up remembering Tsuveeg and the other women who loved them and cared for them. Tsuveeg also did something beautiful for God.

What is something beautiful *you* can do for God?



GOD'S WORD TO US

God sent the angel Gabriel to the town of Nazareth with a message for a young girl named Mary. "Do not be afraid. God has sent me to tell you that he is pleased with you. You will have a son and his name will be Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of God."

Through the words of the angel, God spoke to Mary. She trusted every word the angel spoke. She said, "I will obey the Lord."

And then the angel left her. *Luke 1:26-38*



WE LEARN ABOUT GOD



Jesus loved and respected his mother. She also loved him very much and was often at his side during difficult times.

Think about the people who love you, especially your mother. Like Mary, she is there to watch over you and to care for you. When you are sick or disappointed, she is there. When you are tired or hungry, she is there. When you need a special hug, she is there.

OUR ARMENIAN WAY

A triptych is a group of three pictures that tell a story.

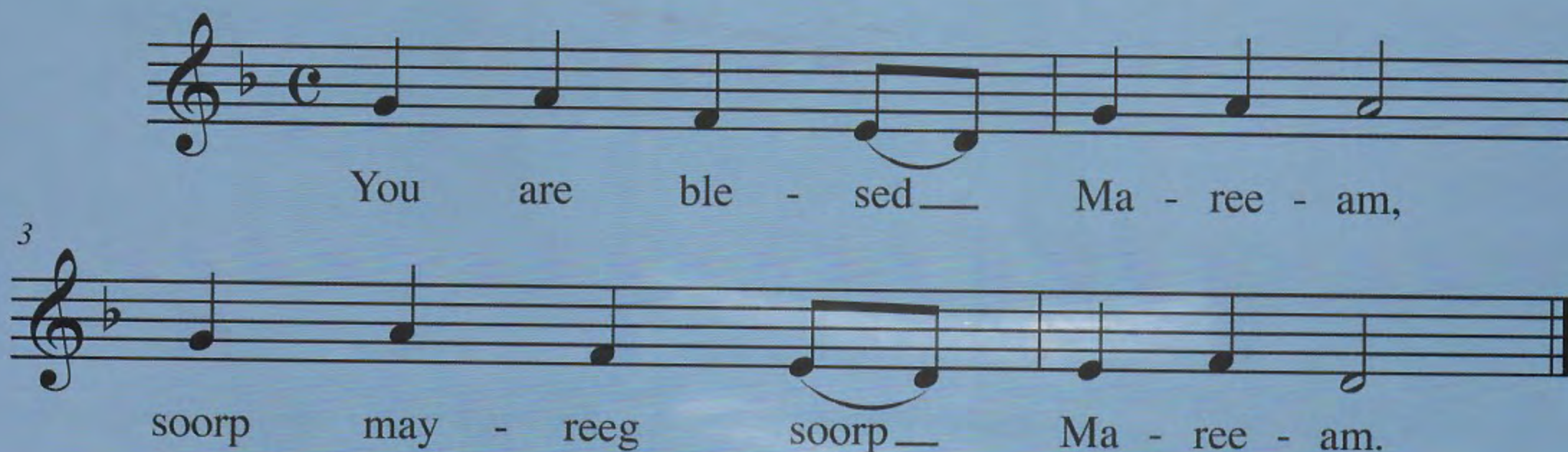


WE CELEBRATE

Ma-ree-am=Mary
Soorp=holy
may-reeg=mother



MARY'S SONG





FAMILY PAGE

SHARING OUR FAITH

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In today's lesson, the children heard the story of The Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel told Mary that she would be the mother of Jesus. Jesus' mother was very special to Jesus as you are special to your child.

LIVING OUR FAITH

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A kiss, a smile, a hug, another drawing for the refrigerator door – all of these show how much you mean to your child. These simple acts and your loving response to them mean so much to the child who loves you.

Choose one of the activities to do with your child.

1. Using the triptych, encourage your child to retell the story of The Annunciation.
2. Place the triptych in a special place in your home.
3. Join with your child to sing or to say Mary's Song.
4. Let your child honor his or her grandmothers by drawing pictures, by talking to them on the telephone and by singing Mary's Song to them.
5. Let him or her help you in small ways around the house.

