



**Mary's Treasure Box**

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**REMEMBER**

But Mary was treasuring up all these things in her heart. - Luke 2:19

**READ**

Look up and read 1 John 4:9. Jesus came to earth to do important work—loving and saving His people. Can you imagine what it must have been like to have lived in Nazareth at the same time as Jesus? Many people watched Him grow up. Thousands heard Him speak and saw Him perform miracles. And some people (such as Mary) even called Him family.

Even though you weren't able to walk around Nazareth with Jesus, you can still know Him and spend time with Him! You are one of the reasons Jesus came to earth, died on the cross, and rose again. He is always with you and wants you to share your life with Him.

**THINK**

1. Mary treasured her memories of Jesus. Make a list of memories that are special to you. Do they include people you love?
2. Has your mother or grandmother saved any special items from when you were a baby? What does it feel like to look at those treasures?
3. Do you think it was hard or easy for Mary to be Jesus' mother?
4. In the story, Mary and Hannah were part of Jesus' earthly family. How are you part of Jesus' family too?
5. God chose for Jesus to be born in a stable and raised by Mary and Joseph. Are you surprised that Jesus wasn't born in a palace and raised by royalty instead?
6. Say a prayer and thank God for sending His Son to give you hope for eternal life.

**DO**

Start a new Christmas tradition! Gather or make items to represent those that Mary kept in her treasure box, and place your collection in a special box. Each Christmas, read the story while you pull the objects out of the box just like Mary and Hannah did.

You can also create a treasure box of your own. Ask your parents for items that tell the story of your family. Are there pictures of your great-grandparents? A family Bible? A treasured recipe? Gather them all in a box, and take it out whenever you want to connect to your special family.

*You can get to know Jesus more each day and treasure the time you spend with Him!*