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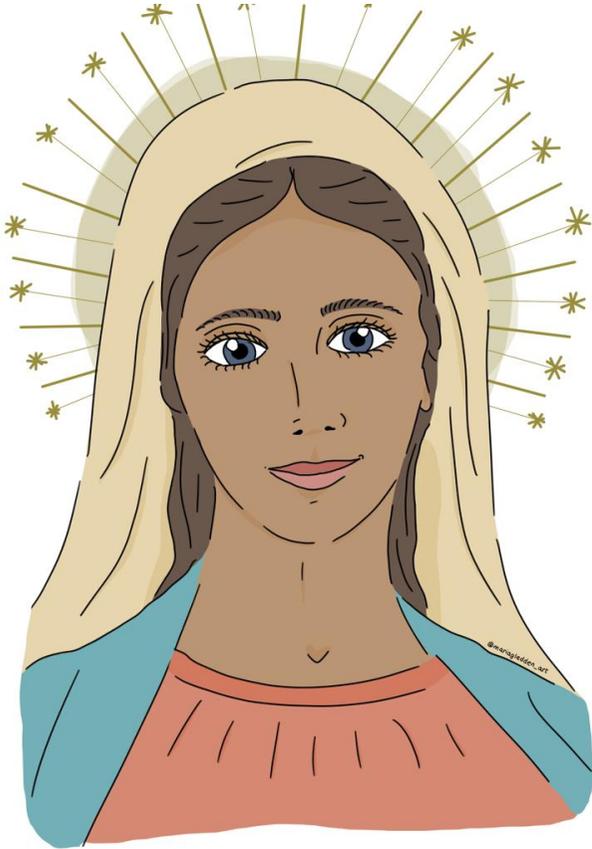
The Good Shepherd **Rosary** Challenge

For
Primary Schools
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An Introduction to the Holy Rosary



Did You Know?

The Holy Rosary was given to us by Our Lady, herself! It is a powerful form of prayer, second only to the Mass itself.

The Holy Rosary is a way of *reflecting deeply* on the Mysteries surrounding Jesus.

Throughout history, our Blessed Mother Mary has frequently made appearances to people. In her appearances, she has frequently delivered messages *urging* people to pray the Rosary. Here are some examples:

- *Fatima in Portugal, 1917;*
- *Betania in Venezuela in 1976;*
- *Cuapa in Nicaragua, 1980;*
- *Medjugorje, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 1980 to the present day.*

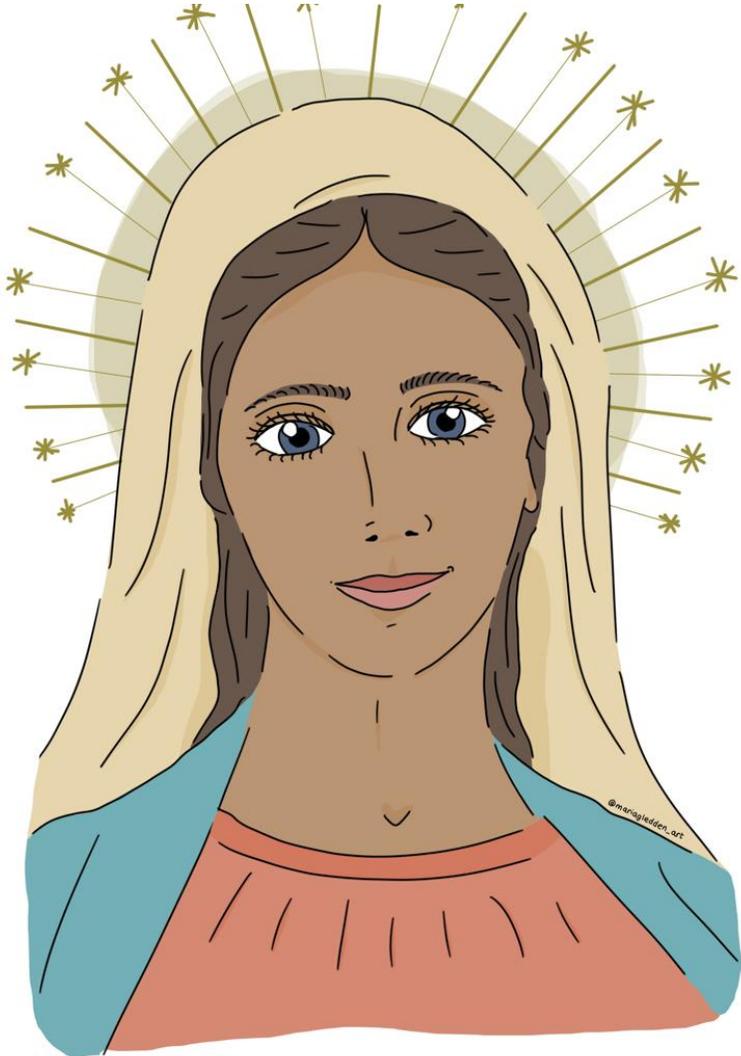
Our Blessed Mother Mary asks us to pray the Holy Rosary:

- as a form of *personal protection*.
- *to create peace* in our families, communities, societies and nations.
- *for more souls to be saved*, through their belief in her son, Jesus.





We Begin by making the Sign of the Cross



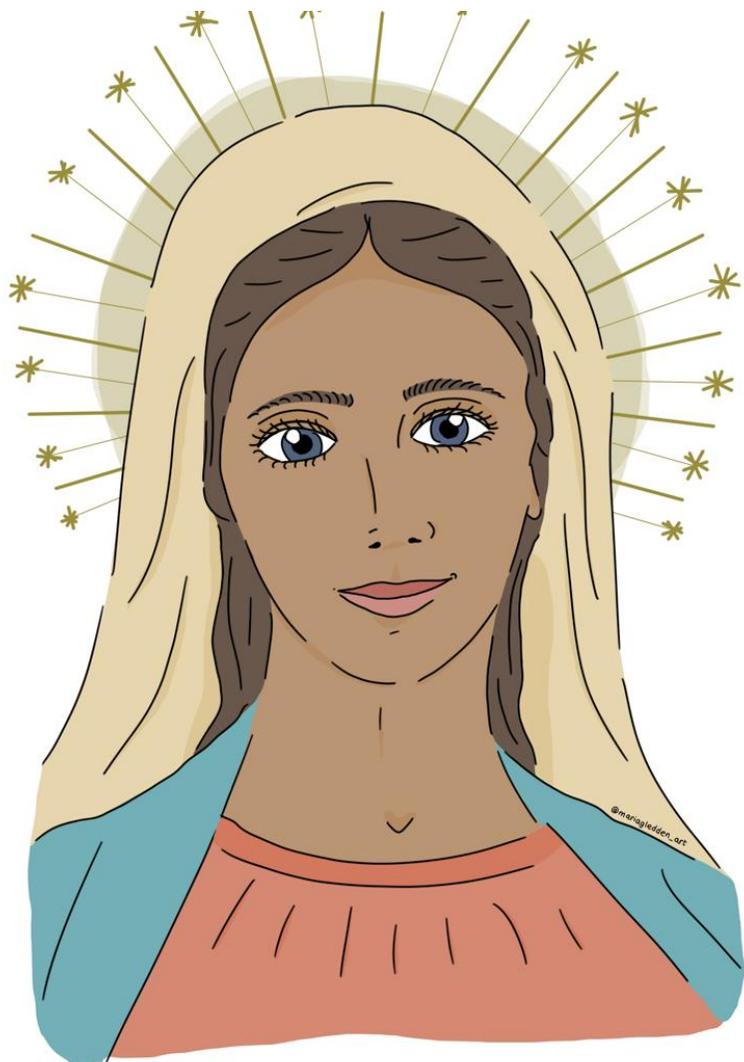
In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.





We say the Little Creed

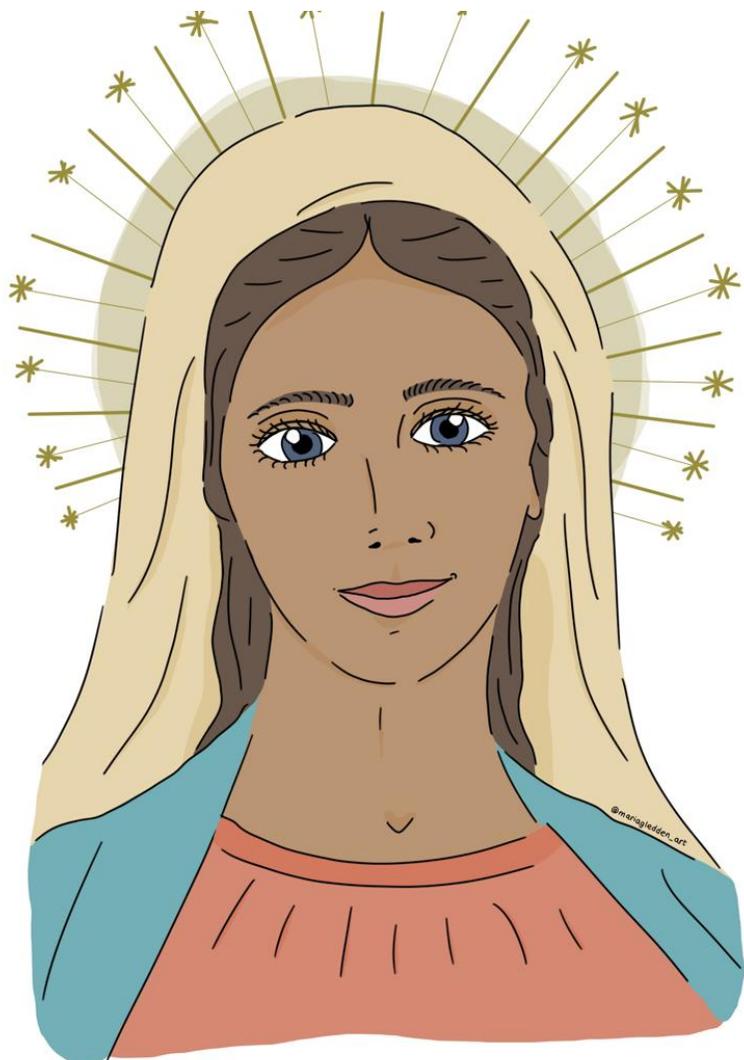


We Believe in God the Father,
Who made the whole world.
We believe in Jesus his son,
Who died on the cross for us
And rose from the dead.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
Who brings life and love to us all.
We believe that the Church is one family
And that one day,
we will share everlasting life
With God in Heaven.
Amen.





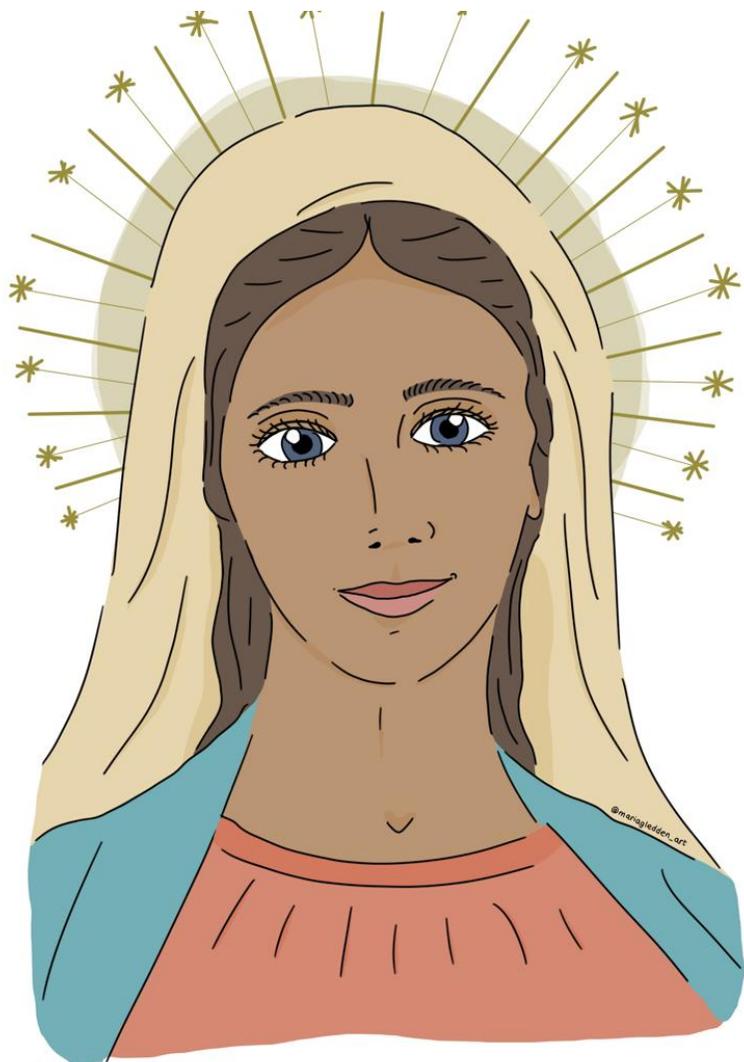
We say one Our Father...



Our Father,
Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy Will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.



... One Hail Mary...



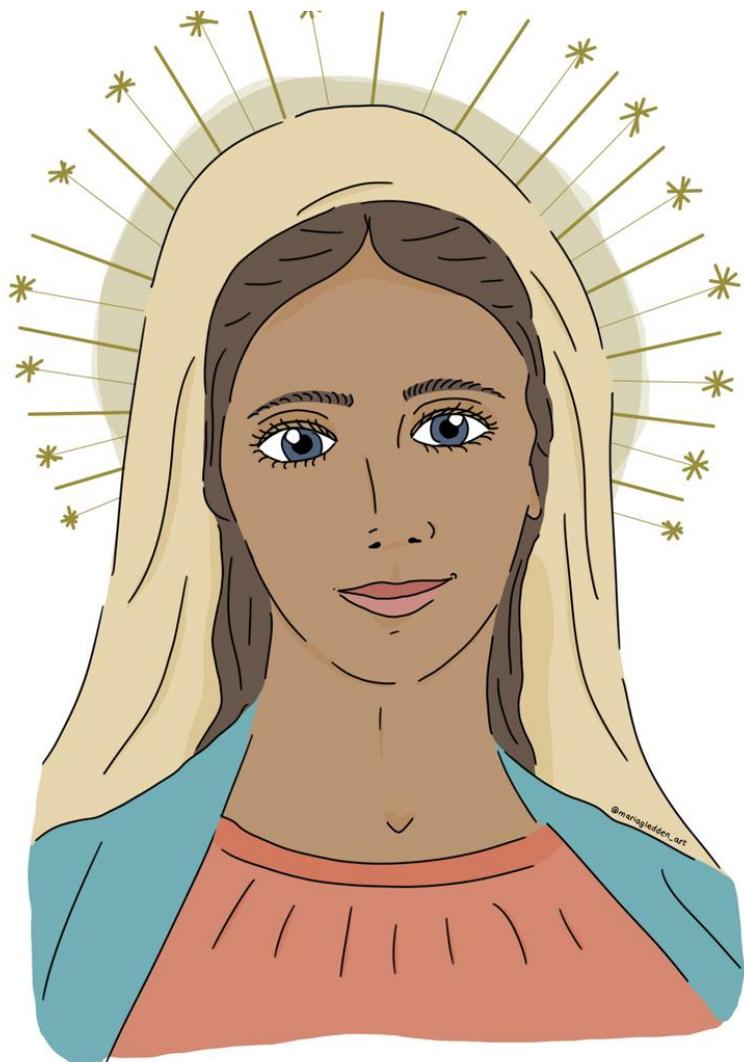
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We Read about a Mystery of Light:

The Wedding Feast at Cana, *John 2:1-11*

Mary, the mother of Jesus, was at a wedding feast in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited and were there.

When the wine was all gone, Mary said to Jesus “They don’t have any more wine”. Jesus replied, “Mother, my time has not yet come! You must not tell me what to do.”

Mary then said to the servants, “Do whatever Jesus tells you to do.”

At the feast there were six stone water jars that were used by the people for washing themselves in the way that their religion said they must. Each jar held about twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus told the servants to fill them to the top with water. Then after the jars had been filled, he said, “Now take some water and give it to the man in charge of the feast.”

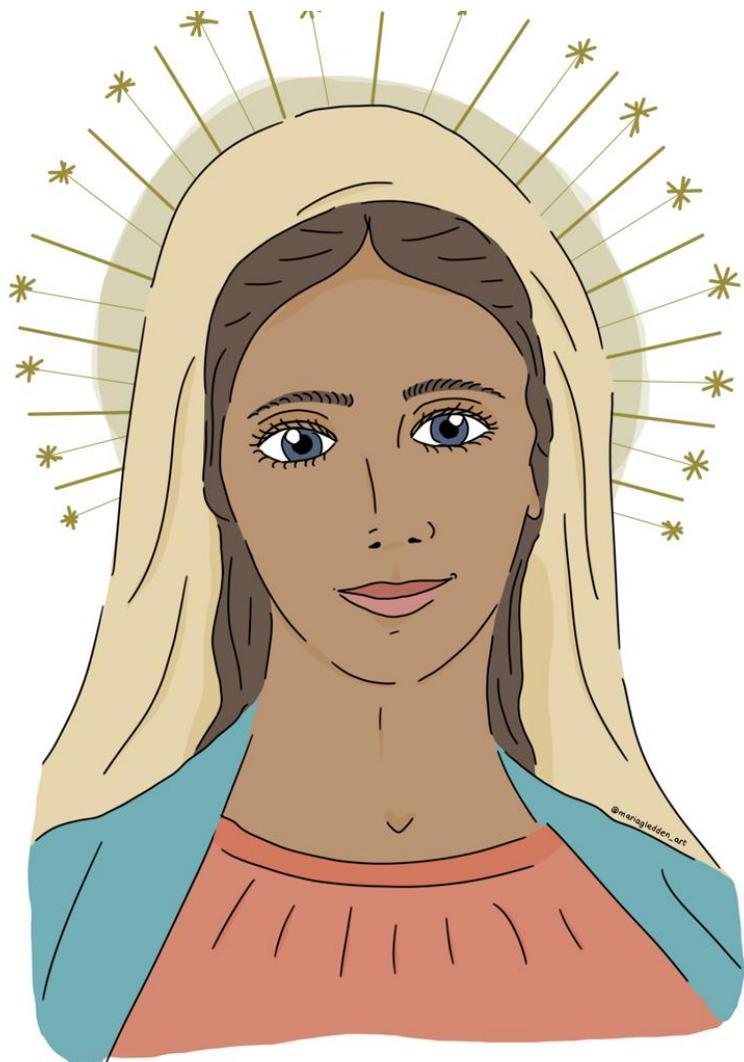
The servants did as Jesus told them, and the man in charge drank some of the water that had now turned into wine. He did not know where the wine had come from, but the servants did. He called the bridegroom over and said, “The best wine is always served first. Then after the guests have had plenty, the other wine is served. But you have kept the best until last!”

This was Jesus’ first miracle, and he did it in the village of Cana in Galilee. There Jesus showed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.





We Reflect with Our Blessed Mother



Close your eyes for a moment...

(if you feel comfortable doing so).

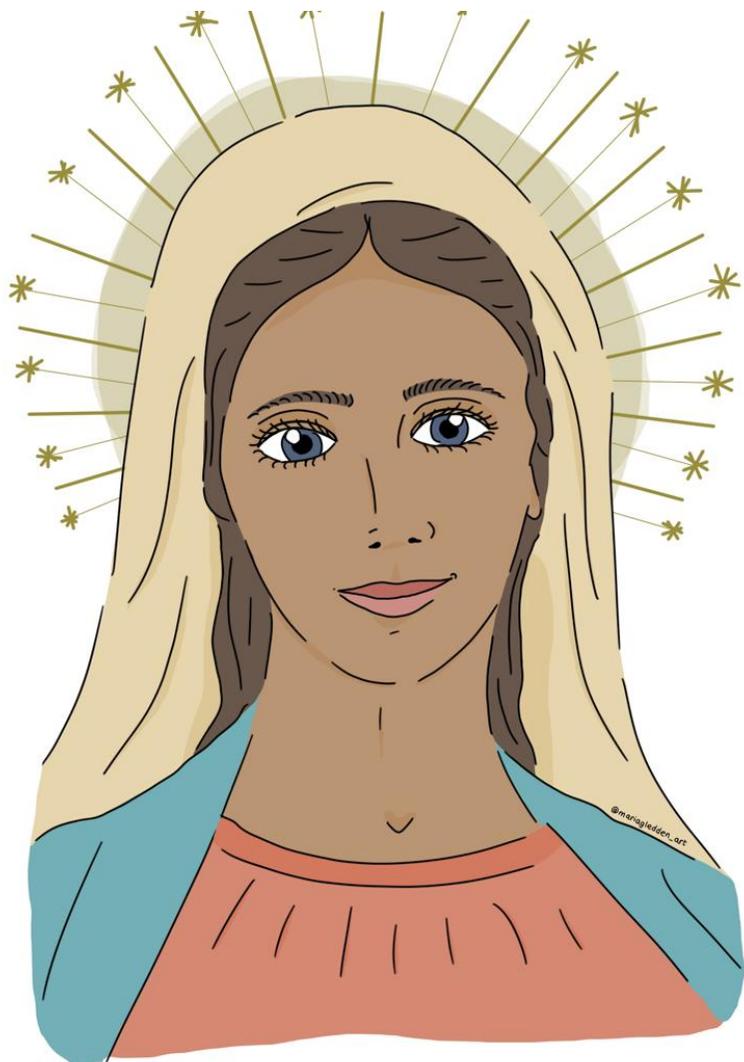
- **Imagine** you are sitting at the table with Mary and Jesus...
- **Imagine** you can hear people talking and laughing around you...
- **Imagine** you have just eaten a really delicious meal...



(Pause)



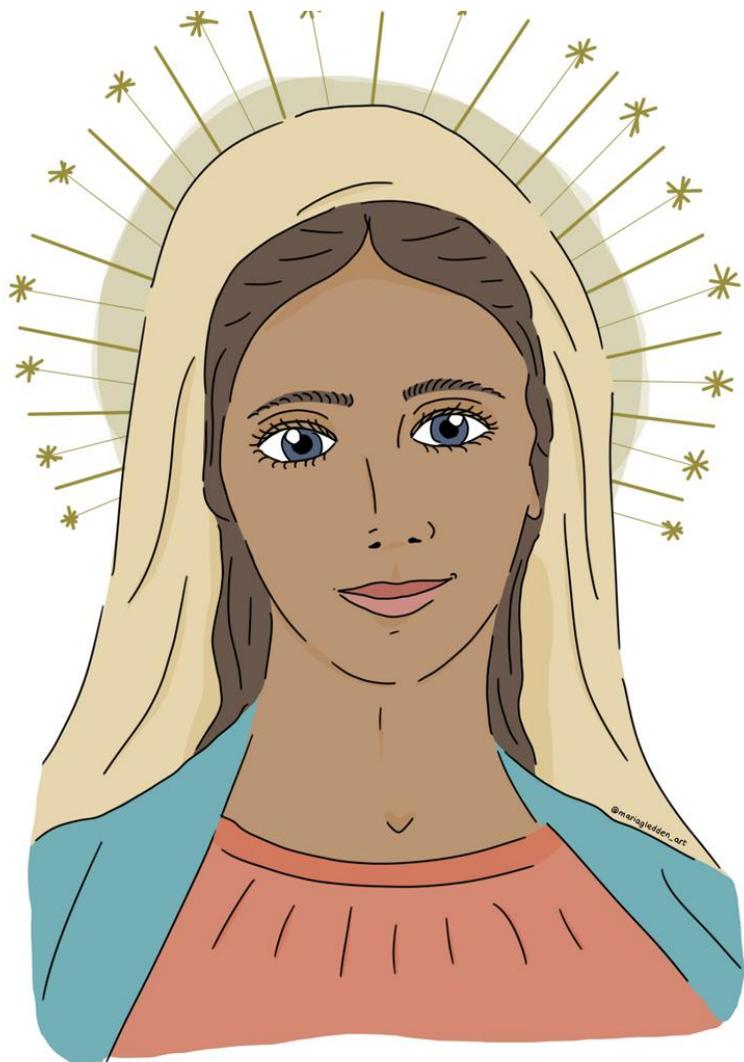
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Mary keeps a motherly eye on what is going on.



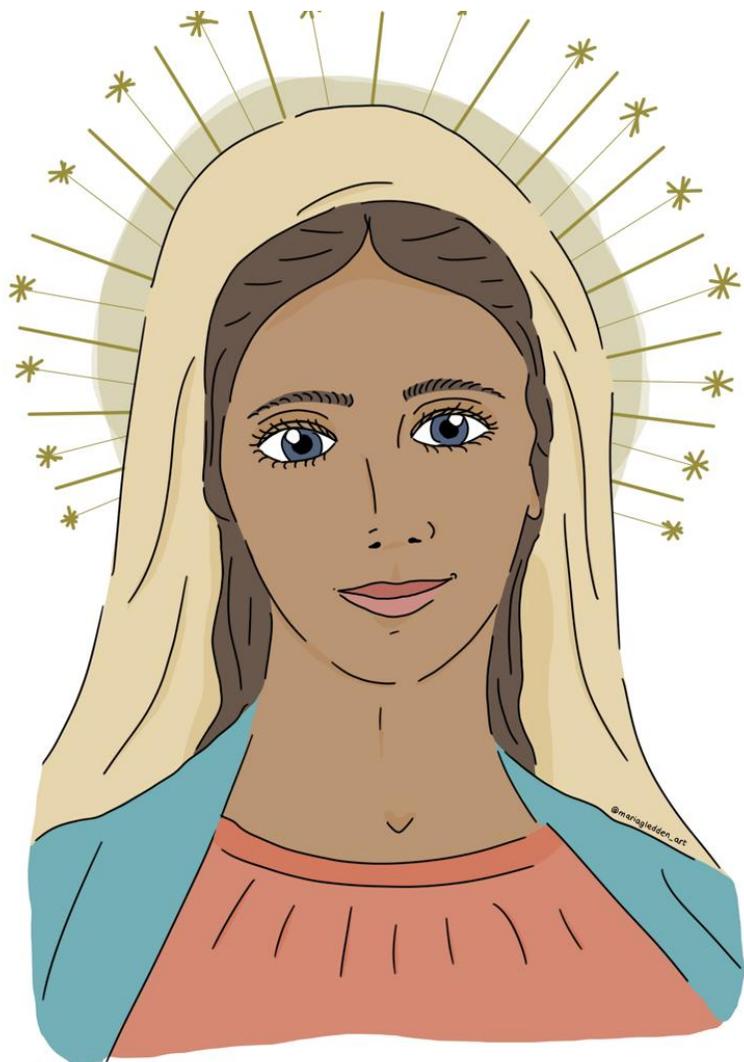
She looks about and can see that there is a problem at the wedding: they have run out of wine!

Mary keeps a motherly eye on us too! She can see when we have problems...

(Pause)



... One Hail Mary...



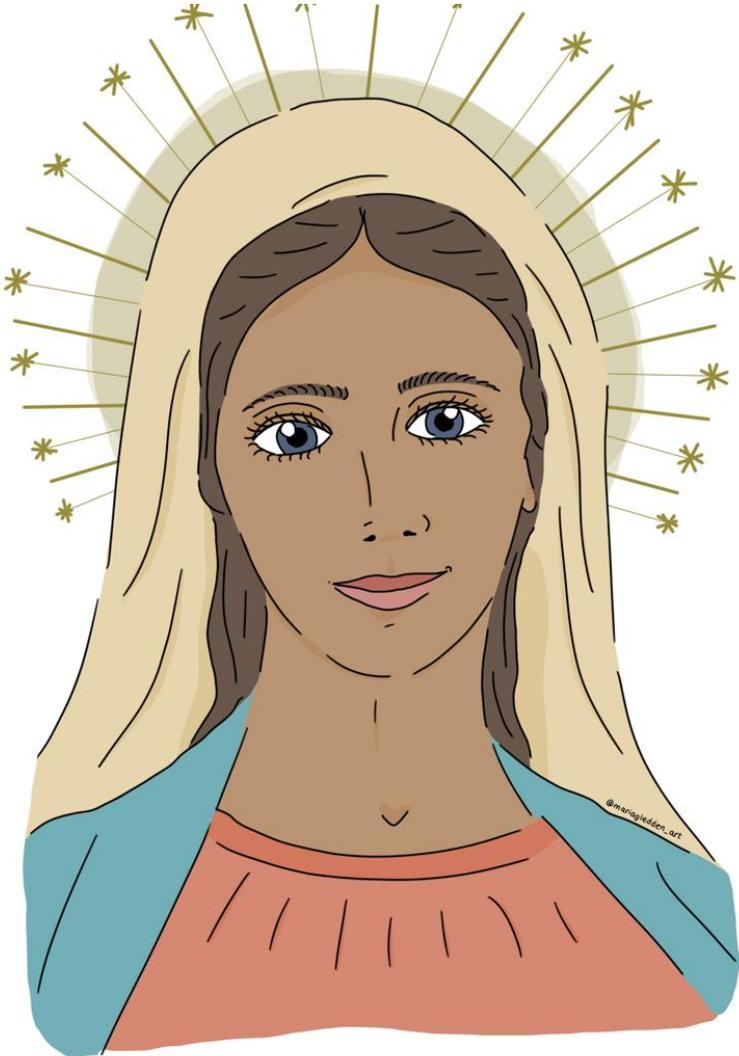
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**“They have no wine”,
Mary tells her son,
Jesus.**



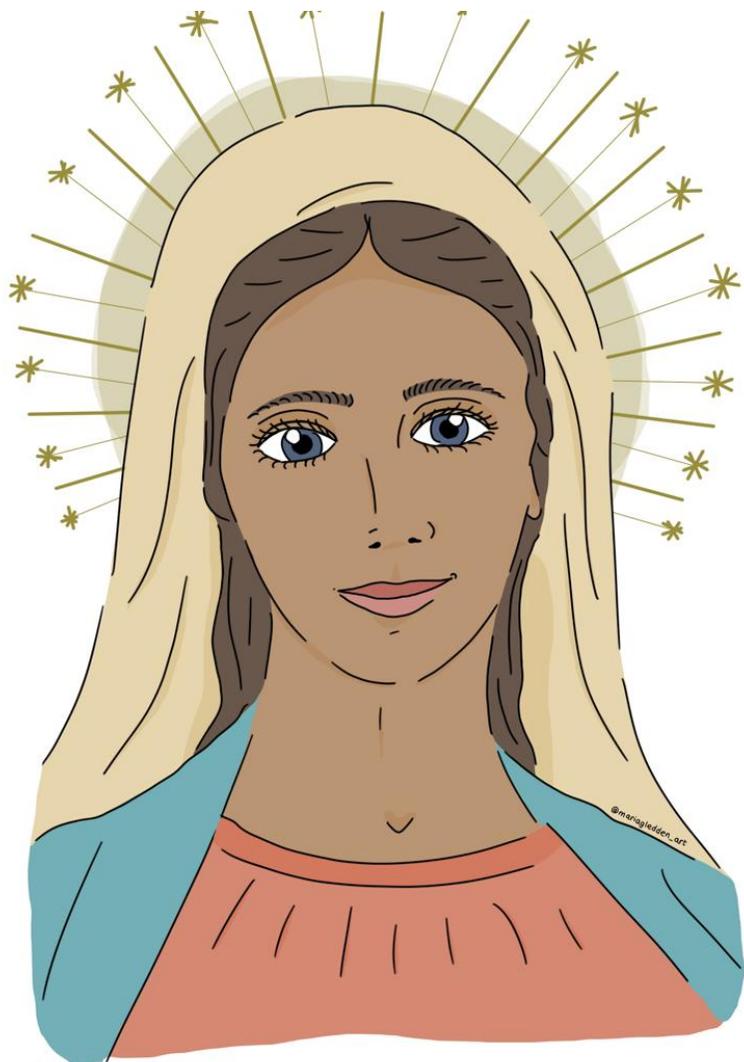
Mary brings the needs of
the people to her son’s attention.

**Mary brings *our* needs to the
attention of Jesus too! That is
why is our Blessed Mother Mary
is our *powerful partner in prayer*.**

(Pause)



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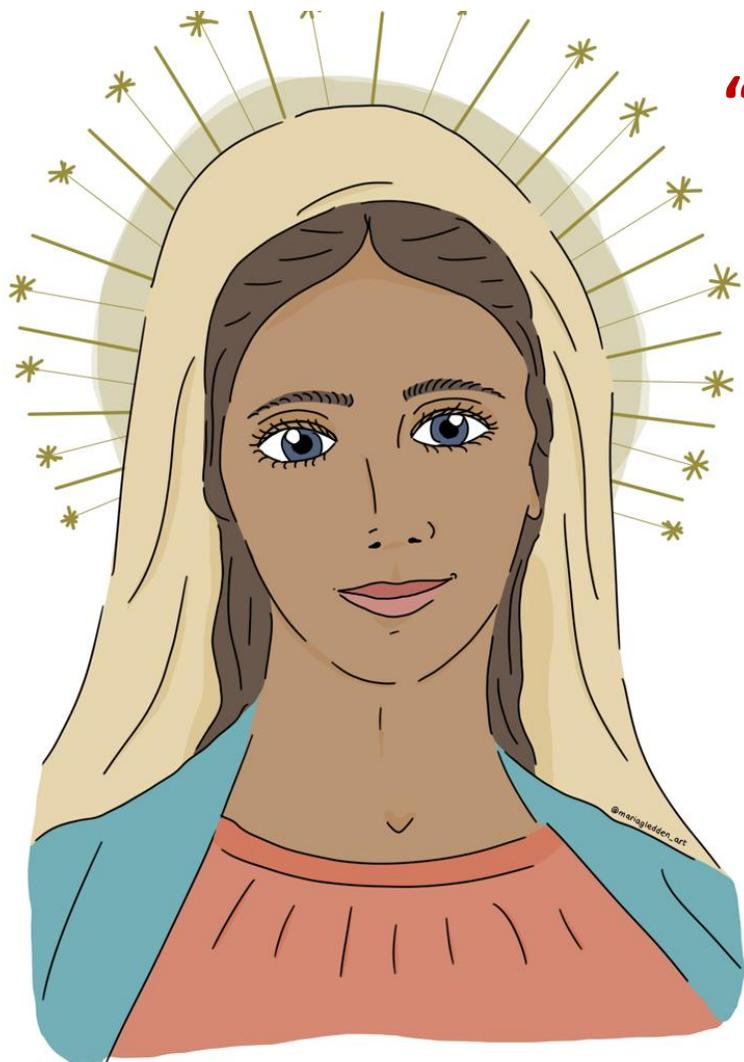
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“Do whatever he tells you”.

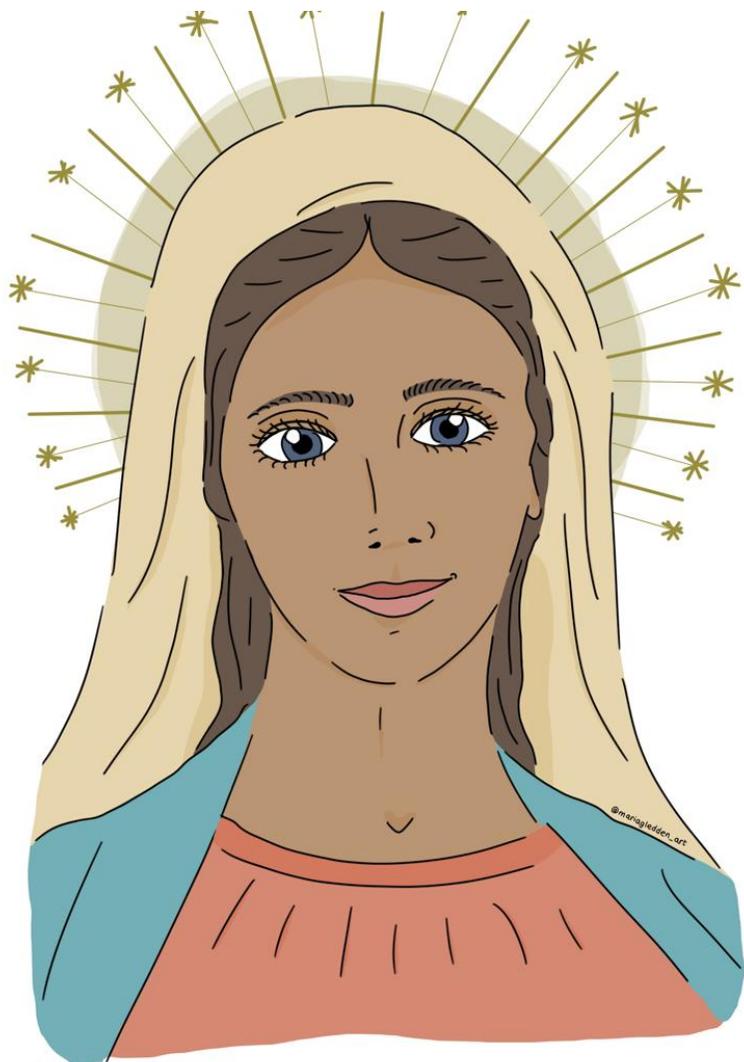
Mary has complete faith and trust in her son, Jesus, to be able to solve the problem.



When we believe in Jesus, he can help us solve our problems too! Our Mother Mary helps us by taking our problems to Jesus. We must listen carefully to what he has to say.



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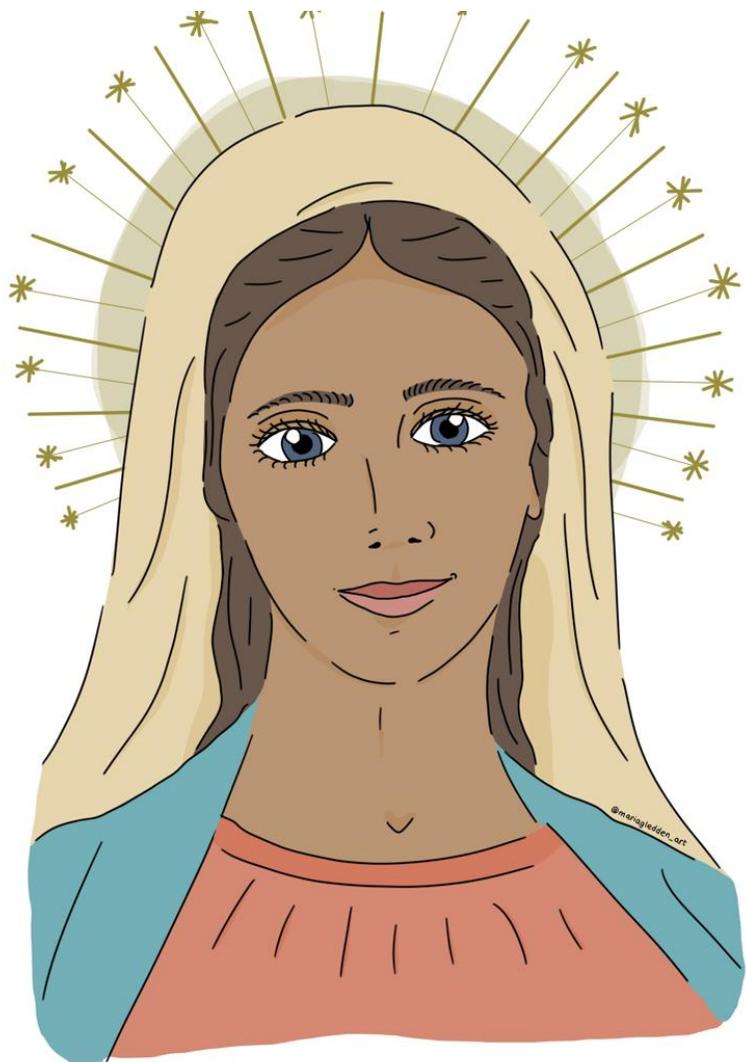
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Jesus turns the water into wine.

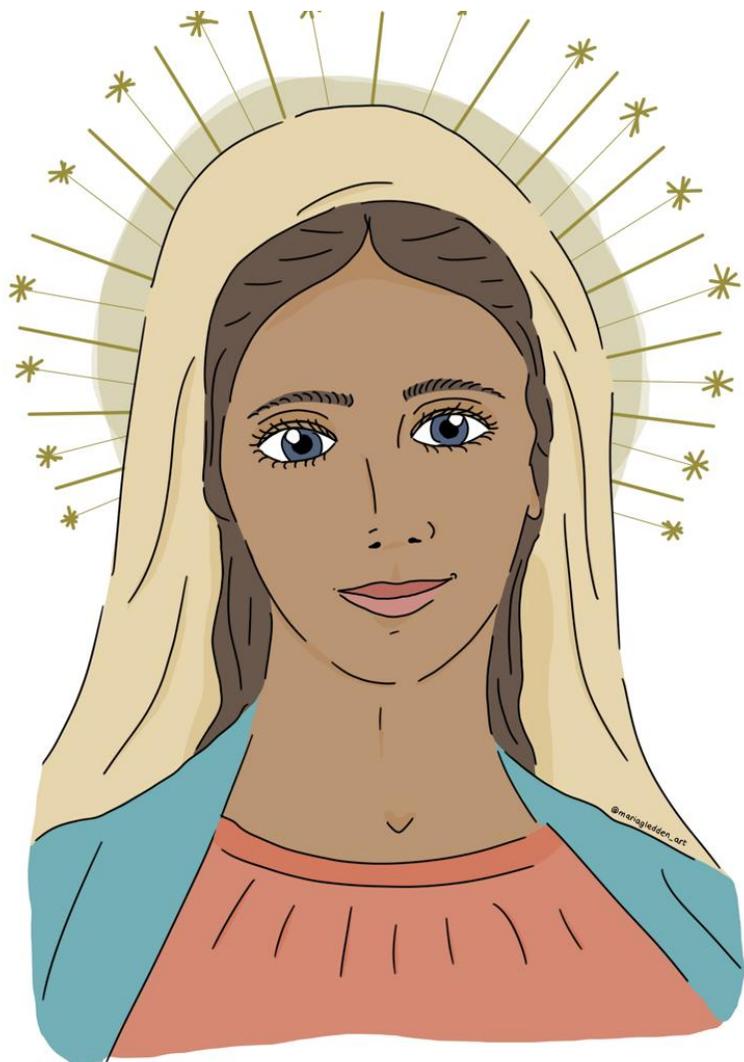
The *impossible* happens!
Jesus doesn't just provide a little
extra wine, he provides *a lot!*
And of the best kind too.



**Jesus really loves us, and he is
always be generous with his
love. Even to the point of
being 'impossible'!**



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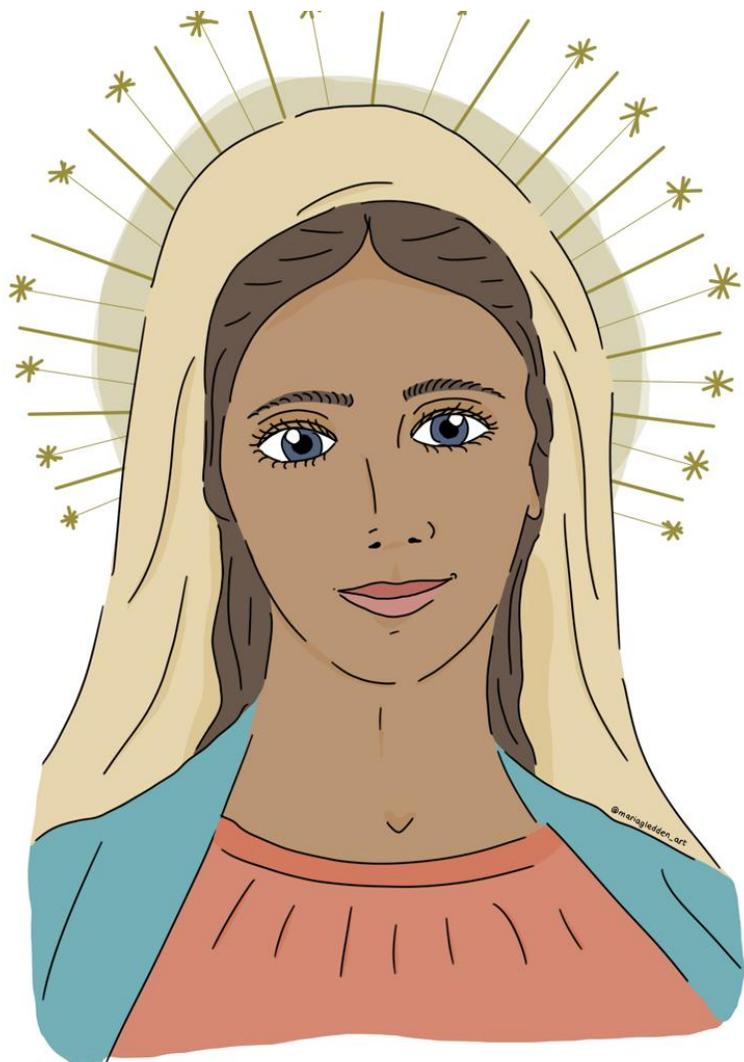
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**And his disciples
believed in him.**

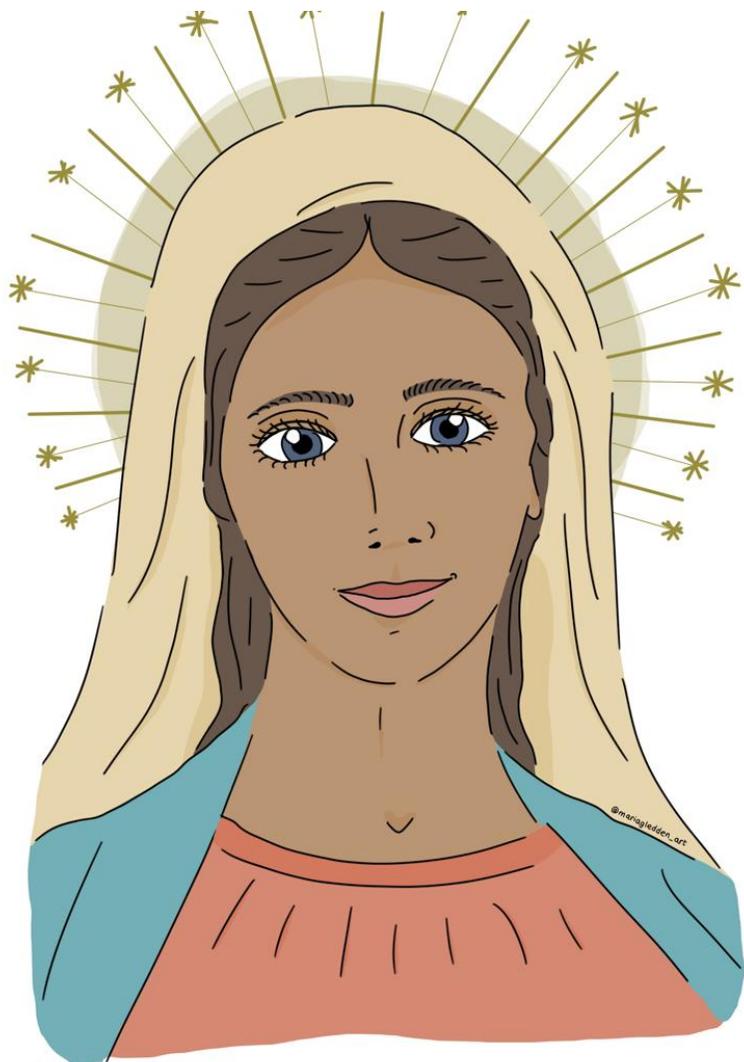
This miracle was done very quietly, but the disciples and Mary saw what happened. The servants did too.



**Jesus is alive! And he is still
working miracles today. He
can work miracles in our lives
too, so that we can also
believe in him.**



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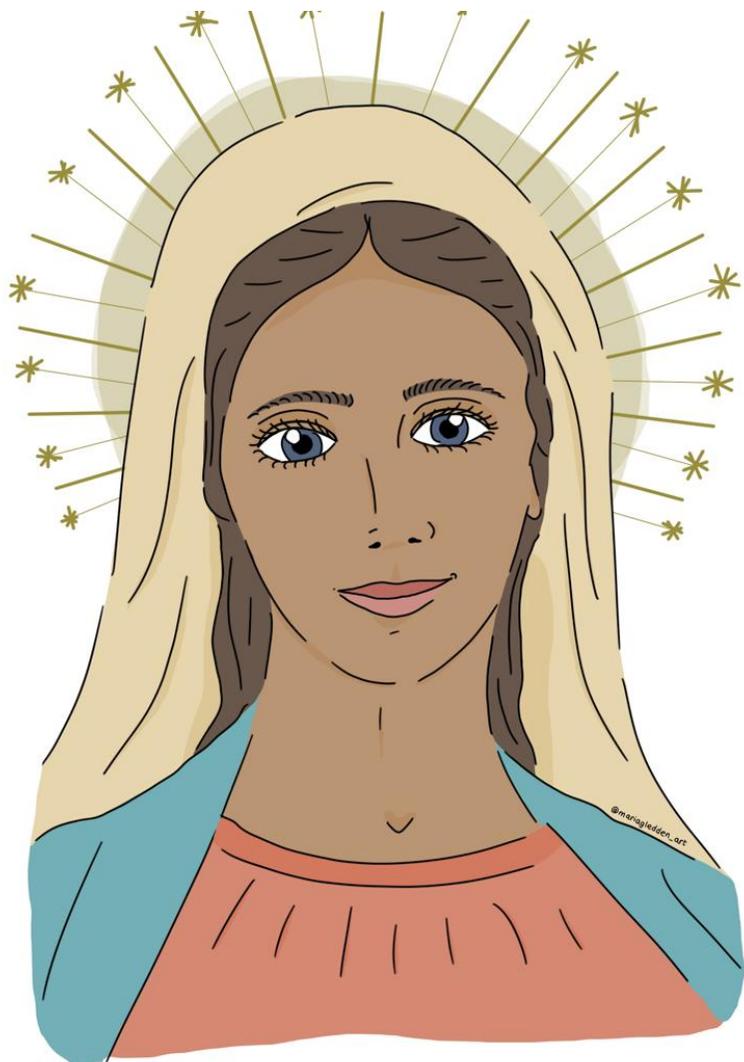
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Then We Finish with a Glory Be...

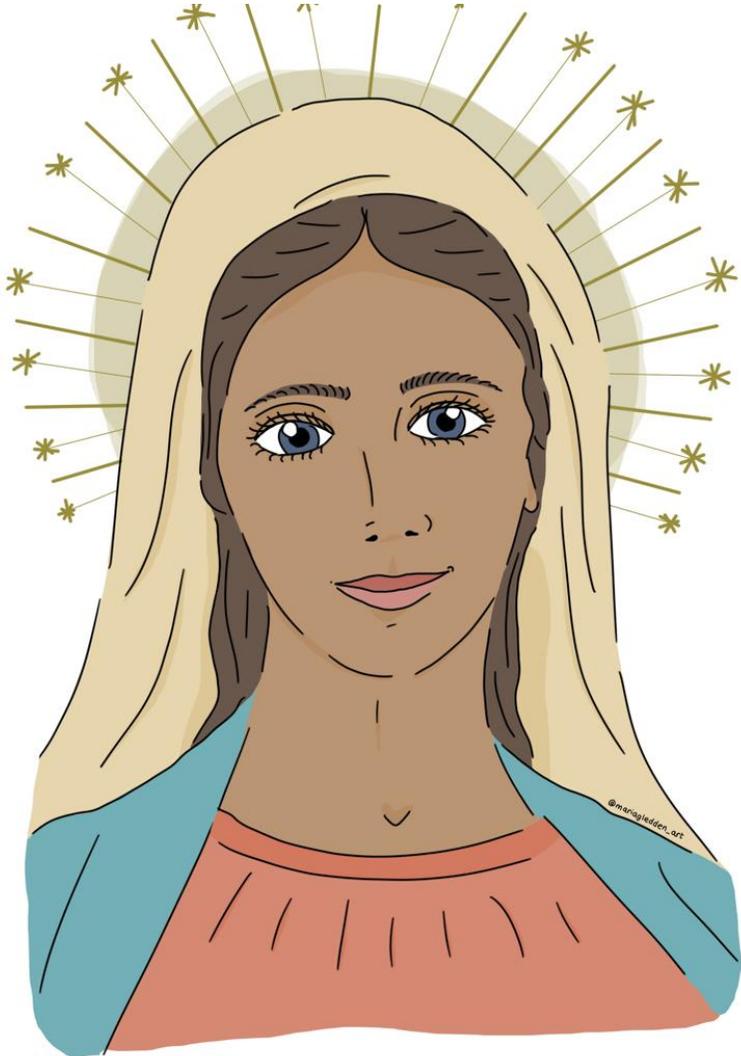


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*Thank you to Maria Gledden,
a young mother and artist in our
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wonderful picture of Our Lady.*

