

The Promise

The Mother of the Promise

For centuries, God's people walked in darkness and silence. When God's presence overshadowed Mary, God proved that He keeps His promises.

Discussion Questions

1. Name one person whom you know that you can trust. Why do you trust them? Has there ever been a time when it was difficult to trust them?
2. Discuss what it might have been like, not only for the people of Israel, but for the priests of Israel to enter into the sanctuary trusting that God would still hear them and receive their prayers even though the Holy of Holies was empty. Have you ever had an experience like this?
3. Do you see how God fulfilled His promises through the "overshadowing" of Mary, making her the new Ark of the Covenant? Is this significant for you...or is it merely an interesting piece of trivia? Please elaborate.
4. The role of the *Gebirah* (or Queen Mother) was to act as intercessor. Do you have any hesitation with seeing Mary (or anyone) as an intercessor. Why do you think some people might have an issue with this?
5. From the Cross, Jesus gave us *His* mother as *our* mother. In what ways has Mary been a mother to you?

God in Real Life

1. Throughout the course of this week, as you continue to pursue the Advent Rosary Challenge, remember this quote from Mother Teresa: "If you ever feel distressed during your day — call upon our Lady — just say this simple prayer: 'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' I must admit — this prayer has never failed me."
--Blessed Mother Teresa

To the Heart

"When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home." (John 19:26-27)