

“Hope”



Mary: *The Mother of the Savior of the World*

WOW! To be the mother of the Savior of the world! What an honor — what a responsibility. How do you raise a kid like that? And for you dads, imagine how Joseph felt, raising the Promised Messiah as his own child.

Mary and Joseph both knew that Jesus would be called the Son of the Most High and would be given the throne of his forefather David (Luke 1:32). But how could they have really known what was to be, from the innocence of childhood to the pain and agony of Christ’s final days on earth? But from the very beginning, they had hope!

Remember what it felt like the days and weeks just after your baby was born? You knew you were holding a miracle. You dreamed of what he/she would become. You hoped and prayed for a bright and wonderful future, yet you really had no idea what to expect. Did Billy Graham’s parents realize the influence he would have in this world? What about Martin Luther’s mother and father? And our own sons and daughters: how great will their impact be?

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*Heavenly Father,
How little we know, even when we think we know.
The bleakness around us sometimes overwhelms us,
but You have already given us many things with which
to overcome. Just as Mary only had a vague idea of
what she had been promised for her Son, her daily
“ponderings” must have eventually produced a hope
that could confidently say, “whatever He says, do
it.” May our hopes develop into reality as well. Amen.*

Mary, Did You Know?

*Mary, did you know that your baby boy
would one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy
has come to make you new;
and this child that you delivered
will soon deliver you?*

*Mary, did you know that your baby boy
would give sight to the blind man?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
would calm a storm with his hand?
Did you know that your baby boy
has walked where angels trod?
And, when you kissed your little baby
you’ve kissed the face of God?
Oh, Mary, did you know?
Mary, did you know?*

*The blind will see, the deaf will hear
the dead will live again.
The lame will leap,
the dumb will speak the praises of the Lamb.*

*Oh, Mary, did you know?
that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
would one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your baby boy
was Heaven’s perfect Lamb?
And, the sleeping child you’re holding
is the great I Am?*

*Oh, Mary, did you know?
So long ago?*

