The person we will meet today will help us learn more about mission and the virtue of courage. Read the page, complete the tasks, colour the picture, then say the Mission Together prayer for children everywhere.

This is a picture of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Mary was given a special mission by God. It was a mission that called for a lot of courage.

1. Read the Bible passage below to discover Mary's mission, using these words to fill in the gaps.

Most	servant	High	Mary	Listen
sent	worried	birth	afraid	Let

'God _ e _ _ the angel Gabriel to a girl who lived in Nazareth. Her name was _ _ _ _ .
The angel came to her and said, "Greetings! The Lord has blessed you and is with you." But Mary was very w _ _ _ _ _ _ by what the angel said.
The angel said to her, "Don't be _ _ r _ _ _ , Mary, God is pleased with you. L _ _ _ _ _ !
You will give _ _ r _ _ to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and people will call him the Son of the M _ _ _ H _ _ _ ."
Mary said, "I am the _ _ r _ _ _ _ of the Lord.
_ _ _ this happen to me as you say!"

Luke 1: 26-38 (adapted)

Draw a picture of yourself alongside Mary

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God gave Mary a special mission, to bring Jesus into the world. In the Bible reading there are two words that help us see that Mary would need courage to do this.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

2. Fill in the blanks below by matching the numbers with the letters to complete the words of this sentence.

Mary needed courage because she was _ _ _ _ _ _ **and** _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ **But her** _ _ _ _ _ **and** _ _ _ _ **of God gave her strength.**

1, 6, 18, 1, 9, 4 — 23, 15, 18, 18, 9, 5, 4 — 6, 1, 9, 20, 8 — 12, 15, 22, 5

3. Add the numbers together to find the totals for each word. Add the totals here _____ + _____ + _____ + _____ = _____

God gives us each one of us a mission. We too are to bring the love of Jesus to others. How can the virtues found in this word-search help us to do this?

4. See if you can find **ten virtues.**

q g z z b x f a i r n e s s l c
s e c o m p a s s i o n a t e a
b n k a v b v h o n e s t y z r
p e i z l f o r g i v i n g j i
v r i s f r i e n d l y t d t n
h o c o u r a g e o u s a m v g
e u e h n r e s p e c t f u l e
n s z b h e l p f u l c a u i t

5. Describe what courage is.

6. Describe how Mary was courageous.

7. Describe a time when you, like Mary, showed courage.

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Answers. 2. Afraid 39, worried 92, faith 44, love 54. Total 229. Word-search words: Courageous, fairness, honesty, caring, compassionate, respectful, helpful, friendly, forgiving, generous. 5. Definition of courage: the ability to face fear or danger in order to do what is right.