

Our Lady of Lourdes (1844 -1879)

Miraculous Vision

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If you go to the town of Lourdes in the mountains of southwest France, you will see an incredible sight. Every year, about three million pilgrims visit the grotto and nearby spring there, hoping the waters will cure them of illnesses and disabilities.

The miraculous cures are part of the story of St. Bernadette Soubirous. She was a frail teenager from Lourdes to whom the Mother of God appeared at the grotto. "I am the Immaculate Conception," said the vision in white during one of her eighteen appearances.

She told Bernadette where to find the origin of the spring and where to dig in the ground for it. And she asked the girl to go and tell the priests to build a chapel at the grotto and have processions made to it. Bernadette became a nun, unaware that Lourdes, as well as she herself, would change from being virtually unknown to world famous.

1. Change *holy* into *cure* by changing one letter each time.
Use the clues to help you find the words.

A _____ in the ground

To grip an object

Opposite of hot

Heavy string to tie a box

Center of an apple

H O L Y

C U R E

2. Change two letters each time to change *chapel* into *waters*.
Use the clues to help you find the words.

The sun is _____ like a circle.

A person who _____ is unselfish.

Plural of the animal that swallowed Jonah.

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