

St. Bernadette

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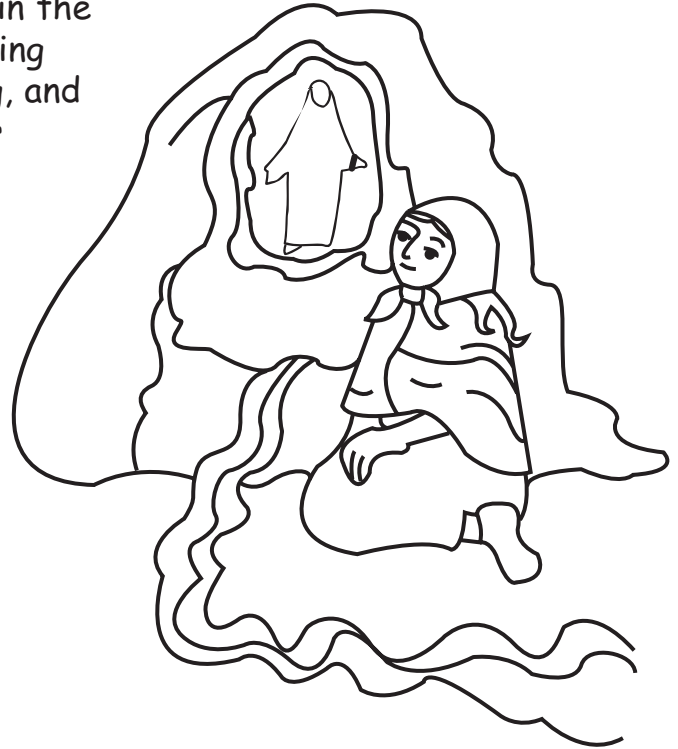
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The Message of Lourdes

One hundred and fifty years ago, Mary appeared to a young girl named Bernadette, who came from a very poor French family. For two weeks, Mary appeared every day to Bernadette. Then one day Mary told Bernadette to wash in the water from the spring—but there was no spring there. So Mary told Bernadette where to dig, and Bernadette dug in the dry ground until water started to bubble up! The water from this same spring continues to bubble up even today and many pilgrims go to that spring hoping to be healed of their illnesses. This all happened in Lourdes, France, and a famous shrine is there today, dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes.

When Our Lady instructed Bernadette to wash in a spring that was not there, Bernadette obeyed. Even though she did not see a spring, she knew there must be one if Our Lady said so. Solve this rebus to learn something special that Bernadette shares with the people who come to Lourdes for healing.



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