

Yr 2 Nativity of Mary Parents' Cheat Sheet

1. What were the names of Mary's parents and why were they sad?

Joachim and Anna. They were sad because they were very old and they did not have any children. We know this not because it is written in the Bible but because it was talked about and written about by holy people in the church since the very beginning.

To the parents: This story is not in Scripture but has been part of Sacred Tradition of the Church since early times. This means that it was passed on orally and was considered to be a true element of the faith and is accepted as part of Church teachings. The story of the events of Mary's birth and early life can be found in a book called the [Protoevangelium of James](#).

2. How did Joachim and Anna show that they loved God?

We know they loved God because they prayed often and gave much of what they had to the Temple and shared it with others. Remember that when we love others, we are loving God.

3. What can we learn from Joachim and Anna?

Mary's parents loved God and trusted God. They lived a long time praying for a child and they did to give up. They continued to pray and to love God and to love others by sharing what they had. Today in the lesson we discussed whether we thought that they would have continued to do so if God had not granted them a child and the answer was yes. Fervent prayer trusting in God even though we may not receive what we think is best for us, is something that we should all try to reflect in our lives. We do not know the mind of God, but we love and trust Him.