

## Yr 2 Dormition Parents' Cheat Sheet

### 1. Where do we find the story of the Dormition of the Mother of God?

This story is not in the Bible. It is in other books that people in the Church knew were special and it was talked about by holy people and all Christians through all of history. Popes declared that it is true too!

To the parents: This story 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 the Dormition and various writings and sermons by the Holy Fathers and Doctors of the Church, about this event, have been part of the Church teaching since the beginning. Read some [here](#). The Dormition of the Mother of God is a [dogma](#) of the Catholic Church.

### 2. What happened to the Theotokos (the mother of God) and why do you think this happened to her?

Jesus took her soul to heaven and 3 days later her body went to heaven too.

Discuss what you all know about the Mother of God - she was sinless, she gave her whole life to God, she loved God and all other people. She trusted God in everything she did. This is what Jesus asks us all to do. Because she did it in such a perfect way, she did not have to wait for heaven like other people do. Jesus took her soul and body there right away. She is with God and therefore she is always ready to pray for us to Him. She is Queen of heaven!

### 3. Why do we bring flowers to bless on this special day?

We like to take flowers to church to be blessed on the Feast day of the Dormition to honour Mary and to remember the beautiful smell that came out of her tomb. Maybe as a family you can take some of your blessed flowers to someone special. Take the other ones and put them in front of an icon of the Dormition (you can print one at <https://eeparchy.com/faithbasedresources/> ) or in front of the icon wreath craft that the children made today.