

## Mystery Moms of the Bible

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Prompter [*After your introductory remarks, shout a brief phrase and Echoes repeat it.*]

Echoes [*All others. Once the story starts, repeat Prompter's brief phrases loudly.*]

Prompter We will now visit mystery moms of the Bible. All of you are in the cast of this skit. If you have no script, then you are an Echo; simply repeat whatever I say after we start. All of you please guess aloud at any time which mystery mom is speaking. You will find out if you are correct. If you guess a Mom, then let other people guess the others, unless nobody can. Now we are starting.

1<sup>st</sup> Mom Hello, folks. I am your host. I am also your **first mystery mom**.

Prompter & Echoes Our first Bible mother!

*(If the people fail to echo this then say, "Let's hear it! Out first mystery mother!")*

Welcome to our Holy Land tour. I am your tour guide. Do you know who I am? My husband is the tentmaker Aquila. We worked with the Apostle Paul in the Corinth. We also helped eloquent Apollos to understand the Way better, in Ephesus. Can you guess who I am?

Prompter & Echoes She is Priscilla!

1<sup>st</sup> Mom Now, come with me. This road leads to past ages. Are you ready? Here we go!

Prompter & Echoes Hang on!

1<sup>st</sup> Mom            Now we meet our **second mystery mom**.

2<sup>nd</sup> Mom            Well now! We have company! Welcome, friends!

1<sup>st</sup> Mom            Oh! We are in a tent! I smell goats!  
Pardon us, Ma'am, can you tell us who you are, and why you are known?

2<sup>nd</sup> Mom            I am the wife of the patriarch Isaac. I am afraid People remember me because I urged my son Jacob to be a schemer!

Prompter & Echoes    A schemer!

2<sup>nd</sup> Mom            Yes, I had Jacob trick his father Isaac, to get firstborn Esau's birthright. Esau intended to kill Jacob then, and Jacob fled. I cried a lot.

1<sup>st</sup> Mom            Then what happened, Ma'am?

2<sup>nd</sup> Mom            Jacob collected wives while working for my brother Laban in Syria. They were more devout than that wife of his second cousin Lot was; she wanted to stay in wicked Sodom, so God turned her into a pillar of salt!

1<sup>st</sup> Mom            What was your mother-in-law Sarah like?

2<sup>nd</sup> Mom            Oh, Sarah was beautiful, even in her old age!  
She led a bumpy life. Drafty tents! Always on the go with Abraham!  
Over 1,000 miles on their first trek from Ur!  
Once Sarah giggled, eavesdropping, when a visitor told Abraham that she would bear a son in her old age. She did not know the visitor was an angel.

1<sup>st</sup> Mom            An angel! Oh, my! Didn't she believe him?

Prompter & Echoes    That was sad.

2<sup>nd</sup> Mom            Sarah urged Abraham to father an heir by her maid, Hagar. His faith faltered and he did it! Hagar bore Ishmael, and the two women squabbled. Sarah drove Hagar and her son Ishmael away.

Prompter & Echoes    That also was sad!

1<sup>st</sup> Mom            I remember that bit of history. It caused bitter strife between their descendants that lasts to this day.

2<sup>nd</sup> Mom            I must go milk the goats now. Please excuse me.

1<sup>st</sup> Mom            Thank you, Ma'am. Come now, folks, to a later age.

Prompter & Echoes    Goodbye, Rebecca!

1st Mom            Now we meet our **third mystery mom**.

3rd Mom            Hello, strangers. Welcome! I'm afraid we cannot offer you much hospitality in this miserable desert.

1st Mom            Oh! What are these tiny flakes on the ground?

3rd Mom            It is manna. It is good to eat. Try it!

Prompter & Echoes    Yum yum!

1st Mom            You and your companions seem to be in a hurry. What is the occasion?

3rd Mom            We are fleeing from Egypt's evil king, Pharaoh.

Prompter & Echoes    A huge exodus!

3rd Mom            Pharaoh enslaved us cruelly; he forced our people to build his cities and immense tombs.

1st Mom            I read about that in the Book of Exodus.

3rd Mom            A book? I guess it's the log that my brother Moses kept to record God's works. We multiplied so in Egypt that Pharaoh feared that we would aid his enemies, so he ordered our midwives to drown all Hebrew babies in the Nile River.

1st Mom            Yes! You and your mom hid baby Moses among reeds in the Nile River.

3rd Mom            And Pharaoh's daughter came to bathe. She found baby Moses and adopted him.

1st Mom            The hand of the Almighty was in that!

Prompter & Echoes    Praise be to God!

3rd Mom            I urged the Princess to have a Jewish lady nurse him.  
I did not tell her that the lady was Moses' real mother.  
Years later, God had Moses take us through the sea to escape Pharaoh's army.

1st Mom            I read your song of praise following that great miracle.  
You women sang it after God rescued you.

Prompter & Echoes    It was beautiful!

3rd Mom            While wandering in the desert, we grew tired and cranky.  
To my shame, I scolded Moses because of his dark skinned, Cushite wife.  
So God turned my skin white! Sickeningly white!  
However, the Almighty had mercy and healed my leprosy when I repented.

Prompter & Echoes    Wow!

1st Mom            We must go now. Thank you, gracious lady. Come now, folks, to a later century.

Prompter & Echoes    Goodbye, Miriam.

1st Mom            Now we meet our **fourth mystery mom**.

4<sup>th</sup> Mom            Hi, travelers! You came at a good time. We have a sale on barley flour.

1<sup>st</sup> Mom            Oh! Who is this pleasant white-haired lady?

4<sup>th</sup> Mom            Here. Have some bread. The Lord gave us a great harvest in Bethlehem. I am a poor widow, and that is my daughter-in-law Ruth over there grinding flour.

Prompter & Echoes    Wow! She is gorgeous!

1<sup>st</sup> Mom            Sweet girl! However, Ruth is not Jewish if I remember right.

4<sup>th</sup> Mom            Just by marriage. Famine drove us to Moab, and my sons wed Moabite girls, Ruth and Orpah. My husband and sons died there, leaving us three women as widows. I was bitter.

1<sup>st</sup> Mom            How sad!

Prompter & Echoes    Three desolate widows!

4<sup>th</sup> Mom            I heard the famine had ended in Bethlehem so I started back there. Ruth and Orpah both started out with me, but I told them to stay with their families.

                         Orpah wept bitterly and returned home, but Ruth clung to me.

Prompter & Echoes    She was a gem!

1<sup>st</sup> Mom            God recorded for all time what Ruth told you. I remember her plea by heart:

                         “Do not urge me to return; where you go I will go; where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God. Where you die, I will die. May the Lord take my life if anything but death separates us.”

Prompter & Echoes    Heart stirring!

4<sup>th</sup> Mom            Ruth’s people were idolaters, but she came to love Israel’s one true God. Both my wealthy relative Boaz and I loved her, and God used our love. Boaz knew that Ruth had been kind to me, and he married her. Boaz’ father Salmon had also married a gentile woman, naughty Rahab of Jericho.

1st Mom            Ruth was David’s great grandmother.

Prompter & Echoes    And an ancestor of Jesus!

1st Mom            We must go now. Come folks, to a later age.

Prompter & Echoes    Goodbye, Naomi!

1<sup>st</sup> Mom            Now we meet our fifth mystery mom.

5<sup>th</sup> Mom            Why, hello! Come in.

1<sup>st</sup> Mom            This lovely lady is one of David's wives. Ma'am, why are you renowned?

5<sup>th</sup> Mom            I didn't know I was known! I only fed David's starved soldiers.

Prompter & Echoes   David fell in love with you!

1<sup>st</sup> Mom            You were a giver; Scripture records it.

Prompter & Echoes   A generous giver!

5<sup>th</sup> Mom            David preferred me to that sharp-tongued Michal, King Saul's daughter. Michal nagged David as badly as Job's wife nagged him.

                          Saul envied David's fame; he had David kill 100 Philistines to win Michal.

1<sup>st</sup> Mom            I suspect that Saul hoped that the Philistines would kill David.

Prompter & Echoes   Saul was jealous!

5<sup>th</sup> Mom            God let another woman be Saul's ruin, the witch of Endor.

Prompter & Echoes   God had forbidden witchcraft!

5<sup>th</sup> Mom            Well, I was David's favorite wife until Bathsheba caught his eye.  
I think she was as seductive as Potiphar's wife and Delilah.  
Pardon my tears!

1<sup>st</sup> Mom            We will go now. Thank you. Come folks; let us step into a later time.

Prompter & Echoes   Goodbye, Abigail!

1st Mom            Now we meet our **sixth Mystery Mom**.

6th Mom            Out of my way, vermin!

Prompter & Echoes    (*Loudly*). Look out! Help!

1st Mom            Watch out for that chariot!

6th Mom            Bow before us, you miserable minions! Bow, I say!  
We are the royal queen of Israel!  
How dare you appear in our royal presence wearing such foreign attire!

Priscilla            Goodness! Where are we?

6th Mom            You are in Jerusalem, you fools! The City of David—and of Bathsheba.  
You have heard of her great allure?  
Ha! Her beauty does not compare with mine!

1st Mom            Oh! I see idols of Baal everywhere, and filthy images of Asherah!

6th Mom            Of course, you idiot! The more gods we worship, the more protection we have.

Prompter & Echoes    Wicked Queen!

6th Mom            Bow, I say! Now!

Prompter & Echoes    Don't do it!

6th Mom            Bow or I'll have my husband King Ahab come with the prophets of Baal and cut  
your heads off!

Prompter & Echoes    Help! Help!

1st Mom            Ugly old hag! Run! Quick! Let us get out of here! Hurry!  
We'll move into another time!

Prompter & Echoes    Goodbye, wicked queen Jezebel!

1st Mom            Now we meet our **seventh mystery mom**.

7th Mom            Wait, folks! Where are you going? You are going the wrong way!

1st Mom            No. We are going to Jerusalem to see its grand temple. Do you live there?

7th Mom            I live here in Bethany. No one goes to Jerusalem now!  
Romans are destroying it.

Prompter & Echoes    How terrible!

7th Mom            My brother Lazarus is out with Mary fetching our donkeys;  
we are going to leave, before the Romans annihilate our village, too.  
I am glad I tidied up the house before you came!  
My sister Mary leaves stuff strewn all over; her mind is on higher things!

1st Mom            Oh! What are those thunderous crashes I hear?

7th Mom            Catapults. Romans are demolishing the city and the great temple.

Prompter & Echoes    Get away!

7th Mom            Jesus warned us to flee when armies surrounded Jerusalem.  
We will leave as soon as Lazarus and Mary return.  
The Romans are slaying even women and children!

1st Mom            How tragic! I read about your godly family, Ma'am.  
Jesus stayed in your home!

7th Mom            Forty years ago! We knew Jesus well.

1st Mom            What was it like to host Jesus in your home?

7th Mom            I am ashamed that I actually argued with Him! Can you believe it?

Prompter & Echoes    Wow!

7th Mom            He let my sister Mary sit listening to Him while I did all the housework.  
I also complained to Jesus that He did not come in time  
after we sent word that our brother Lazarus was dying.

1st Mom            However, Jesus raised him from the dead.  
News of that spread all over Judea!

Prompter & Echoes    Bad leaders hated Jesus.

1st Mom            Goodbye, Martha.

7th Mom            Goodbye, Priscilla.

1st Mom            We will return home now, folks. This ends our tour.  
I wish we had time to meet other Bible women who served God,  
like Esther, Deborah and Dorcas.

Prompter & Echoes    And many, many others!