



Some Children Say the Rosary

Many years ago, three very special children lived in a small town in Portugal. The town was named Fatima. The children's names were Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta. Every day they prayed the Rosary as they watched their sheep in the fields.

One day, a beautiful lady appeared to the children in the fields. She asked them to say the Rosary with her. They asked her name, but she would not tell them. The lady appeared to the children once every month for six months. The children wanted to tell others about what they saw. The lady told them that people would not believe their story. She told Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta that she would pray for them.

Over the next six months, people heard about the children. Some people did not believe them. They treated the children badly. Other people wanted to see a miracle to make them believe the children. But only Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta could see the lady.

Finally, on October 13, 1917, the lady appeared and there was a great vision in the sky. She told the children who she was. She was Mary, the mother of Jesus. She asked the children to pray the Rosary every day. She wanted all people to pray for peace.

Today we call her Our Lady of Fatima.