

*Our Lady appears
in Medjugorje*



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Hi!

How are you doing down there on Earth? Up here in Heaven today I'm doing great, the climate is very mild and I'm really enjoying looking down on you from above! Ah, I'm so distracted, let me introduce myself - My name is Floc and I'm an angel, but I'm not a normal angel, I'm one of the luckiest ones!

Our Mother in Heaven, who is my Mummy, but also your Mummy and Jesus' Mummy just told me a story yesterday about some young kids like you.

If you have some time to listen, I'll tell you it.



About thirty years ago, in 1981, six kids from Medjugorje, a small village in Bosnia-Herzegovina, beyond the Adriatic Sea, were on holidays.

They weren't really having much fun, because in their village there wasn't much to do and that summer was really too hot.

The days were always the same, but nobody could even imagine what a fantastic story was about to begin.

These six kids weren't any way special; they were no better than others, no better at school or in their parish activities, yet their lives were about to change.

There's Vicka, who is 17, she's small with lots of brown hair and bright, fun eyes; Marija, who's 16, and she's shy and quiet; Mirjana, who is 16 too, she's tall, blond and has blue eyes, she lives in Sarajevo and she just comes to Medjugorje on holidays and then there's Ivanka, who is 15 and comes from Mostar; she has beautiful long brown hair and an unforgettable smile. Then there are two boys: Ivan, who's 16, he's the shiest and quietest of the group, and Jakov, the youngest, who's just 10, very blond and very lively!

In actual fact, the six kids aren't really friends with each other, some of them are, and some of them only know each other to see, but soon something will happen that will bind them together for their whole lives.



On the 24th of June, Ivanka and Mirjana were walking along peacefully in an area of the town called Podbrdo, which stands at the foot of a hill; they were chatting and laughing like two friends who confide in each other. Ivanka was a bit sad, because her mum had died a few months earlier and she was constantly thinking about her. And so Mirjana was trying to make her laugh and think about beautiful and happy things. But not even Mirjana could imagine that a few moments later they would see the most wonderful sight that they had ever seen in their whole lives!

All of a sudden, in fact, they saw a great light on a hill. They felt something in their hearts and at the same time they felt afraid and curious: what was happening? But gradually their eyes managed to make out a young woman in the midst of that light, she was carrying a baby in her arms, she was bright and incredibly beautiful.

With her heart filled with joy, Ivanka immediately exclaimed: "It's Gospa!"

But Mirjana exclaimed: "It can't be Gospa!"

Oh, how silly of me, I understand all languages, but you don't know that the word Gospa





in Croatian, the language spoken by the kids, means Our Lady.

Mary told me that their eyes were wide open and that their hearts, despite the fact that they were incredulous, were full of joy because in their purity, they knew that she was Jesus' Mummy, but they couldn't understand what she could possibly want from them and why she had just appeared like that!

The two girls started running breathlessly towards the village out of fear and emotion. Even when Our Lady made a gesture to them to come close to her, they ran far away from her. They didn't know how to behave, but they were right! What would you have done in their shoes? Imagine if you were walking along peacefully with your friend and you suddenly saw Our Lady, wouldn't that be bizarre, don't you think?

As they were running, they met Milka, Marija's sister, and with her, they returned to Podbrdo. Ivanka immediately saw the marvellous figure once again, standing on a little cloud. The other two girls saw her too.

In the meantime, Vicka came along; she wanted to catch up with her friends, to spend some time with them.

But as soon as she saw them from afar, she immediately understood that there was something strange going on: the three of them didn't take any notice of her, they were staring at a point on the hill and their faces were full of wonder.

They called her over, and said: "Vicka, look up there: It's Our Lady".

Upon hearing these words, Vicka first thought that her friends had gone crazy, and then she thought that they were making fun of her and she ran away, crying out of confusion, fear and anger.

She thought to herself that as soon as she saw them again, she'd give out to them, she didn't want to be made fun of. From afar she saw two boys from the town, whose names are both Ivan (you must know that Ivan is one of the most common names in the town) and she asked them to go back up to her friends with her. "If I go back up with two boys then perhaps they'll stop making fun of me - she