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- **Mary has a _____.**
- **Mary _____ God's promise.**
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- **Mary has a humble heart.**
- **Mary believes God's promise.**
- **Mary submits herself to God's plan.**