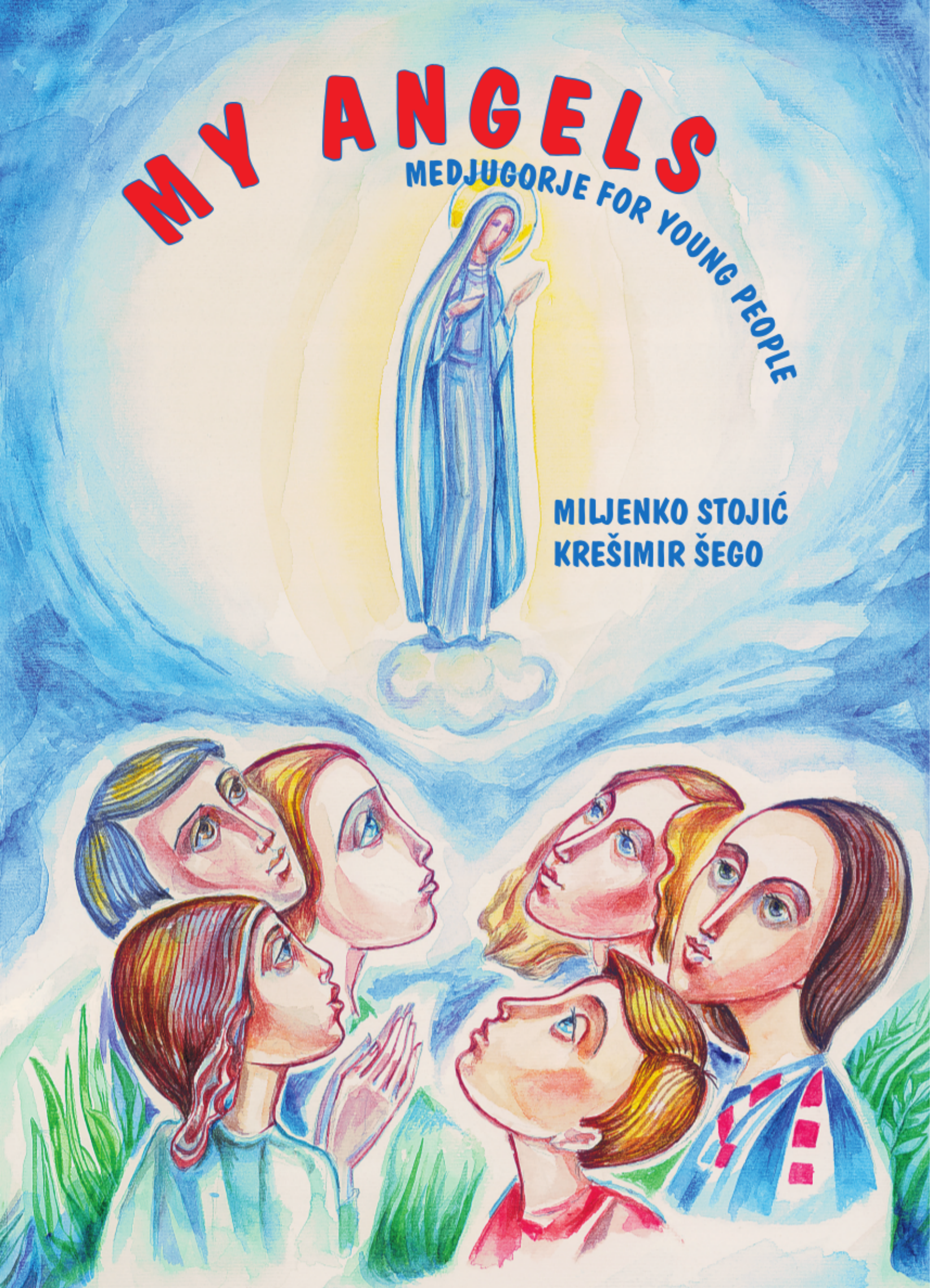


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THE COMING OF OUR LADY

Everyday God looked down from Heaven on the earth that He created. And the earth was small, like a grain of sand on the shore. Still people lived on it, lots of people. While God was looking down on the earth, He remembered how He created it and how He created the first people. He had spoken with them, He had sat in the shade of the beautiful trees. But, ever since the first men had sinned, they had to leave the earthly paradise behind. One day God saw that people on planet Earth were dissatisfied. They walked in the world with gloomy faces, they didn't know how to play together, to love each other, to attend birthdays and celebrations. God was sorry that men were like that. He heard how they desired to have the most beautiful houses, the nicest automobiles, the best of everything. But God wanted people to have the best souls, because then He would have lots of friends and would know how to build the most beautiful houses and how to sew the most beautiful dresses.

Therefore, He decided to help them.

In Heaven, in paradise, God called together all the angels, all the saints and asked them what they thought should be done. He respected them and He wanted to hear their opinions. One little angel said it would be best if the Blessed Virgin Mary went to earth and warned people about their behavior. Everyone agreed with his suggestion. Mary gladly accepted the task.





OUR LADY'S SPEECH

Years later Tomislav, naturally, knew nothing about that meeting. But he did know that Our Lady came to earth, he knew where it happened, to whom She had appeared...and all the rest. His Grandfather, however, surprised him today in school when he put the question, "And what did Our Lady say?" Till then he thought he knew it quite well. He called to mind the easiest way to learn Our Lady's speech and how to surprise his Grandfather with his knowledge.

The priest brought the hour of catechism instruction to an end. As always, he asked if anyone had any further questions. Tomislav took advantage of the opportunity and said, "Can you tell me about what Our Lady said in the parish of Medjugorje?" The priest smiled because he liked what Tomislav asked him. "One of the first things that Our Lady said is that She is Queen of Peace," the priest responded. "That means that She wants us all to live in peace. Later the word "Peace" was also written in the sky. People saw it as clearly as any other signs."

"My parents say that peace is the greatest blessing that we can have" interjected Christina. "And I think so too. It is very ugly when there is war or when people quarrel!"

"You are right," said the priest. "We should all remember that. God created us to live together with all people. Therefore in one of Her messages Our Lady said that we love all people. You will easily learn that fact if you are good toward one another. Help each other, don't make fun of each other, simply be good friends."

“What if that doesn’t work?” asked Domagoj. “There is a medicine that Our Lady recommended for that,” answered the priest. “She said that we have to pray. By prayer man changes his life. Don’t you pray?”

“I even pray in the morning when I get up and in the evening when I go to sleep,” added Kreshimir seriously. “We all pray together at home. We usually say the rosary because my grandmother said Our Lady wanted it that way. That is not hard for me. Our Lady is the most beautiful and the best Queen that I have ever seen, and I want to listen to Her.”

“I know, children, that you want to be good, but don’t forget that Satan wants to get you off that path. He even tried to frustrate the intentions that God has through Our Lady. But all those who believe in God are Our Lady’s helpers and therefore Satan will not be able to carry it out.”

While he was saying these words, the priest was looking at the children before him. They looked like flowers amid snow, about which Our Lady spoke several times. He knew that they would listen to him and he was happy. He wasn’t sorry for the time he spent with them. True, sometimes they were restless, but he liked them just as they liked him.

“What does Our Lady say we have to do if we still sin?” asked the priest looking kindly at the students before him. “We have to go to confession,” exclaimed Anna. “There is no sin that God won’t forgive us. The only condition is to repent.”

It was easy for Anna to answer that question because her family firmly believed in God and did what He says. For Anna’s friend Rajko that wouldn’t have been so easy. His family had a large and beautiful house, the newest automobile and so on, but they were not happy and Rajko was suffering because of that. When they talked with others, his parents said they were Christians. But, that couldn’t be seen in their life.



While Rajko's friends from school were talking about Our Lady's words, he was looking out of the window. He remembered how his father came home drunk, how he yelled at his mother and how finally they quarreled. And he was sorry for both his father and his mother.

"Rajko, what did you like most in Our Lady's speech?" the priest's words aroused him. Rajko was a little embarrassed. "I liked it most that we should read Sacred Scripture. I have already read the entire childrens' bible at my friend Blaise's, because we don't have it at home. I also like that Our Lady calls all of us, 'my children'."

Mislav noticed the lady teacher and got up. Only then did the others also notice her. "You just stay seated" she said. "It isn't important that my class time has already begun. I like your answer, and I like to see that you know how to respect one another. Our Lady also spoke about that."



Franjo was very happy to hear that Our Lady spoke about respecting others. His parents did not believe in God, but he wanted to go to catechism class. Sometimes the other children teased him because his parents do not go to mass. They won't tease him any more if Our Lady said that we should respect everyone.

But Franjo did not only go to catechism class, he also went to mass. During mass he behaved very quietly and devoutly. He was a very vivacious child, but somewhere he read how Our Lady said we should be quiet during mass and so he did that. It should be said that he was not only quiet, but that he also prayed. He mostly prayed for his parents to accept God and Our Lady's words.



He loved his parents, as they loved him. Still he would like it best if they all went to mass together. He wanted that even more than the computer he had not long ago asked his parents to buy for him.

Franjo liked technology. He didn't know why, but he just liked it. Since he heard Our Lady's words about television from the priest in church, he started thinking it over. He decided he would no longer be interested in technology. Then he recalled that the priest explained that Our Lady was not against technology as such. Our Lady only wants us to know how to use technology. That means that we should not spend the whole day playing on computers, watching television, listening to music... Everything has its time. Technology has to help us in life and not waste our precious time.

The priest remembered something. In his bag he had a pack of pretty little pictures. He decided to give them to the students in class. When he told them that, they all got excited. "What do you think has to be done first?" he asked them. "They have to be blessed!" shot back Velimir. "Yes, that's exactly right!" confirmed the priest. "Our Lady recommended that all of us wear some blessed object on ourselves. Whenever we see it, we will remember that God is protecting us from evil. Naturally that object can't be just anything."

"How beautiful it would be to live with Our Lady," exclaimed Ivan. "Certainly," agreed the priest.

"You can already do that now. We have to just live Our Lady's messages. That way we will better understand who God is and it will be easier for us to overcome every evil. Then we will become the light, says Our Lady. Whoever sees us will be happy together with us."

It seemed best to the priest to end the class with those words. We may know by heart what Our Lady said, but if we don't live it, it is all in vain.



THE END

God in Heaven smiled with satisfaction. He looked at the children, He looked at the grown ups. They were making an effort to be better. Because of that they were getting better both in body and in soul. The earth was illuminated by the light of Christians. The Queen of Peace had taught people how to behave. They in turn prayed with Her and considered Her their Mother and Queen.

Whenever She talked to God about people, Our Lady would call them “my angels”. She loved people. She understood their difficulties and together with God was waiting for them in paradise.

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