



Virgin Mary & Child – Ethiopia

This picture of the Virgin Mary and Child can be found in the Church of Our Lady Mary of Zion, which is an Ethiopian Orthodox Church in Axum, Tigray. This church claims to have the Ark of the Covenant, which the Israelites used to carry the 10 Commandments. The 10 Commandments contain God's words that Moses communicated to Israel. As Christians, we believe that Jesus is the Word of God (John 1:1), and that Mary is the Ark of the New Covenant. As Jesus' mother, Mary carried Jesus in her womb just as the 10 Commandments were carried by the Israelites. This image reminds us that just as Mary brought Jesus to everyone that she met, so too we are called to bring Christ to all we meet.