

## Immune

Five years ago there once was a 7 year old girl named Maria. Maria's mom, Ms.Faith, had leukemia. Leukemia is a type of blood cancer that begins in the bone marrow. She was diagnosed just before Maria's 6th birthday. On the day Maria was born, Maria's father had passed away due to a car accident. Ms.Faith always hoped for a day when her and her daughter had no worries in the world. Sadly that day never came.

One night Maria walked into Ms. Faith's room and heard her whispering. "Who are you talking to mommy?" Maria asked.

"The moon darling," Ms.Faith replied.

"Why?" Maria's curiosity clear in her voice.

"You know how people pray to many different Gods? Well, the moon is my God. I ask him questions and he replies." "I also asked him to keep you safe" Her response made Maria giggle.

"Mommy, you're so silly. The moon doesn't talk."

"That's where you're wrong darling, the moon talks in many different forms. From the barking of dogs to the whistles of the wind, the moon is always talking. Some people just choose not to listen." She stated, "Now get to bed Maria."

Years went by and Maria had never forgotten that conversation. Though it puzzled her, Maria never once asked again. As Maria got older, Ms. Faith got sicker. On Maria's 14th birthday, Ms.Faith had passed away. The day after, Ms. Faith's doctor, Dr. Courage, had called Maria.

"May I speak to Maria Faith?" Dr.Courage asked.

"This is her," Maria replied.

"May you come right away?" Dr. Courage asked.

“Yes! I’ll come in tomorrow.” Maria said

When Maria walked into Dr.Courage’s office for her appointment, she was nervous.

“I got bad and good news” Dr.Courage said.

“I’ll hear the bad first,” said Maria.

“You have 50% of getting leukemia”Dr.Courage said.

“And the good news?”Maria asked.

“If you can handle getting a flu shot every month, then you have a slight chance that your risk of Leukemia might decreased.”said Dr.Courage said.

Maria sighed in relief.

When you think of Maria’s mom, Ms.Faith, praying for protection to the moon you would know the word IMMUNE.