

December 6th Children's Worship

Scripture Lesson: Luke 1:46-56

Take turns reading the scripture lesson out loud as a family.

⁴⁶⁻⁵⁵ And Mary said,

I'm bursting with God-news;

I'm dancing the song of my Savior God.

God took one good look at me, and look what happened—

I'm the most fortunate woman on earth!

What God has done for me will never be forgotten,

the God whose very name is holy, set apart from all others.

His mercy flows in wave after wave

on those who are in awe before him.

He bared his arm and showed his strength,

scattered the bluffing braggarts.

He knocked tyrants off their high horses,

pulled victims out of the mud.

The starving poor sat down to a banquet;

the callous rich were left out in the cold.

He embraced his chosen child, Israel;

he remembered and piled on the mercies, piled them high.

It's exactly what he promised,

beginning with Abraham and right up to now.

⁵⁶ Mary stayed with Elizabeth for three months and then went back to her own home.

Question Time!

Discuss the following questions when you are done with the activities.

- What is Mary's song about?
- What is she thankful for?
- Name a few of the things in her song that she uses as metaphors for
- What are some things you are thankful for?
- Have you ever been so thankful or happy that you've burst out into song or dance?

Reflection Time:

(Read out loud) After the angel Gabriel had visited Mary, telling her that she was to be the mother of the Messiah, Mary went to go visit her cousin Elizabeth. Elizabeth was going to have a baby too. What is special about Elizabeth's baby is that she supposedly wasn't able to have kids, but with God's help she and her husband Zechariah were able to conceive. So God was doing two amazing things!

Mary was overwhelmed with all the amazing things God had done. She was so overwhelmed that she couldn't help but to sing. She wrote the first ever Christmas song! And it was a song of thankfulness to God.

What we can learn from Mary is when we think of something we are thankful for, we should share the joy of our thankfulness with the world!

ACTIVITY!

Option 1: Word Find attached to the end of this document

Option 2: Name that Christmas tune

Take turns humming the songs of some of your favorite Christmas songs, and see if anyone can guess what they are. You can do it for fun, or you can keep track of points.

If you have enough people, you can split into teams. One team will go at a time. One person from the team will start. They will start humming a song. Their team will have 30 seconds to guess what song that is.

Prayer:

Please pray this in unison or as a repeat-after-me prayer.

Loving God, thank you for being with us, beside us, and all around us. Thank you for guiding us and for helping us. Thank you for loving us always. In Jesus' name we pray, AMEN.

Name: _____

Luke 1 Mary's Magnificat

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D	N	T	P	G	O	O	D	B	A	V	A
A	B	D	Q	E	S	N	F	R	B	J	R
N	X	S	A	V	I	O	R	G	Y	O	Y
C	M	Z	X	G	L	S	O	N	G	Y	A
E	H	O	P	E	M	E	R	C	Y	A	M
C	O	U	S	I	N	Y	P	C	X	X	F
M	V	N	E	W	S	G	V	G	H	N	U

Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

BABY
COUSIN
DANCE
ELIZABETH
GOOD

HOPE
JOY
MARY
MERCY
NEWS

SAVIOR
SONG