



FAMILY WORSHIP

God's Gift to Mary

Luke 1:26-56

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Sunday 29th November 2020

Luke 1:46-56

Mary's song

46 And Mary said:

'My soul glorifies the Lord

47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

48 for he has been mindful

of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me –

holy is his name.

50 His mercy extends to those who fear him,

from generation to generation.

51 He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;

he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

52 He has brought down rulers from their thrones

but has lifted up the humble.

53 He has filled the hungry with good things

but has sent the rich away empty.

54 He has helped his servant Israel,

remembering to be merciful

55 to Abraham and his descendants for ever,

just as he promised our ancestors.'

56 Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.



Objectives:

- (1.) Children will be able to describe God's call to Mary. Older children will articulate the blessings to Mary and also challenges within that call.
- (2.) Children will artistically depict Mary's Song, understanding that the song is Mary's open response to God's call.
- (3.) Older children will consider how God's call to Mary may compare to/contrast with God's call to people in our own day.



Activities

1. Listen to 'I Will Magnify' from the Promise: Birth of the Messiah. By Glorious Films, The Promise Birth of the Messiah, The Animated Musical.

Found at: <https://youtu.be/Rj4Mx7xHZ28>

2. Spend time with your children as you all wonder about the following:

I wonder how it felt to be visited by a messenger from God.
I wonder if Mary expected God to speak to her.
I wonder why God chose Mary to carry and to care for Jesus.
I wonder how Mary felt when God called her.
I wonder if God calls other people in the story.
I wonder how God calls people today?

3. More Questions:

Look up and read about Mary and Elizabeth in Luke 1:26-45.

Discuss:

- Who did God send his angel Gabriel to visit? (Mary)
- What was the special message the angel gave Mary? (she will have a son named Jesus)
- Whose throne will God give to Jesus? (David's throne)
- How long will Jesus' kingdom last? (forever!)
- What did Mary say to the angel after he gave her this amazing news? (see verse 38)
- Who did Mary visit after she received the news from the angel? (Elizabeth)
- What happened when Elizabeth heard Mary's voice? (Elizabeth's baby jumped for joy and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit)
- Why did Elizabeth say that Mary was blessed? (because she believed the Lord would do what he said)
- In what ways can you see that God was at work in this story?



- How did Mary and Elizabeth cooperate with God?
- If you were Mary, what questions would you have had for the angel?

4. Creative Activities:

(a.) Whispering tube (craft for younger children):

Make a whispering tube out of a paper towel roll. Cover the roll with pretty paper and have the children decorate them with stickers, crayons, or markers. (Or, roll poster board into a tube shape and tape it closed.) Use the tube to tell one another story of the good news that the angel brought Mary.

(b). Act it out: Invite the children in your class to write a script and re-enact the story (feel free to borrow Pageant Photo props), or make paper dolls (I have doll forms if you'd like to use them) and have the dolls act out the story. Consider filming the performance on a smartphone and sharing it with me!

(c). Mary's song:

What do the words mean? Why did Mary respond to God's call with those words? How do you think Mary felt as she was singing? How do you feel when you hear it?

(d) If Mary had a tee-shirt, design a picture or words on the tee-shirt that describe her work and mission. Use a separate piece of paper.

(e) Mary is often seen as a sweet, agreeable person who is meek and mild. She agreed to God's plan for her life. But imagine the kind of excuses she'd make if she decided not to help God. Think about the following:

"But I am planning my wedding! There is so much to do. Can't this wait?"

"What will people think of me? Will they say and do really mean things? I'm not sure I could take that."

"My parents would be furious! They'll never believe this. They will say I have ruined the family's name."

"What would Joseph say and do? I don't think he would believe me."



“I really might not be a good mother for such a son. I’m too young. I don’t even babysit that much. I don’t know what I am doing most of the time.”

Activities found at:

holyfamilysundayschool.wordpress.com/2012/12/02/mary's-song
worshipingwithchildren.blogspot.com

Pray

Give thanks to God for Jesus being the Saviour we needed. Pray for some people who need to know Jesus as their Saviour.



Extra:

An angel visited Mary to tell her what would happen: Make an angel:



You will need: paper plate, glue, lolly pop stick, memory verse, things to decorate with. Using a paper plate cut a slit in it from the edge to the centre. Then slide it together to create a cone and stick. Using a piece of card cut to a circle draw a face on it and stick it to a lolly pop stick. Cut a hole in the cone and place the face on a stick into it. Stick on the memory verse and decorate.

MEMORY VERSE:

no word from God will ever fail. Luke 1:37



Mary's Song

And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." Luke 1:46 (NIV)

Words are taken from Luke 1:46-55 (NIV).

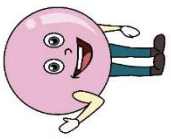


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"Mary's Song"

Luke 1:46-47

Complete the verse and color the picture.

" _____ said, My soul doth _____ the Lord, and my spirit
_____ hath _____ in _____ my Saviour." Luke 1:46-47

