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THE JESUS STORY

Mary's Song

Luke 1:39-56

The Set Up (Luke 1:36-37)

"Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child..."

Luke 1:36

Elizabeth's Reaction (Luke 1:39-45)

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth knows that:

1. Mary is blessed among women. (Luke 1:42, 45, 48)

2. Mary's child is "the Lord." (Luke 1:43)

Two important implications for our theology

Mary = "Mother of Jesus," vs. *theotokos* "Mother of God"
Jesus = Preexistent & fully divine, now putting on humanity

3. Mary believed the Lord's promise. (Luke 1:45)

Mary's Song (Luke 1:46-55)

Mary song reveals God's character and kingdom priorities.

1. God is praiseworthy but personal. (Luke 1:46-49)

2. God opposes the powerful, proud, and prosperous but cares for the humble and hungry. (Luke 1:50-53)

Jesus modeled Mary's song in everything he did.

Dig Deeper:
Matthew 23:12
Luke 4:16-21
James 4:6

Live this out:

3. God is always faithful. (Luke 1:54-55)

Mary's Return (Luke 1:56)

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DISCOVER

What does it mean to worship and praise God?

READ

Luke 1:39-56 (Mary visits Elizabeth)

Can you imagine what Mary (a virgin and not married at the time) must have felt when the angel Gabriel came to her, and said, "Mary, you have found favor with God ... behold, you will conceive and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus."?

SHARE

When someone shares exciting news with you and it's so unbelievable that you can hardly hold back the information, what do you do? Who do you turn to?

Read aloud Luke 1:46-55 Mary's Song of Praise: The Magnificat

The word "magnificat" means "to magnify." When we magnify God, we are praising Him and telling others how wonderful He is. In this passage, Mary is singing about how happy and joyful she is to know that God's Son would soon be born

PRAY

God's love and promise to send a Savior are good reasons to worship and praise Him. Pray and thank God for His love and for sending the wonderful gift of His Son, Jesus.

Read and reflect on the words of Psalm 100 or watch:

Francesca Battistelli - "Be Born In Me (Mary)"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOPHkvbDQpw> or
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p7ClXvC1HVM>

MORE FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Family Advent
"Mary's Song"
Luke 1:39-56



Recommended Resources

Available at CBD.com
or Amazon.com

Books

"The Berenstain Bears,
The Very First Christmas"
by *Jan Berenstain,*
Mike Berenstain

"Jotham's Journey:
A Storybook for Advent"
by *Arnold Ytreeide*

Child-friendly Nativities

"Tales of Glory"
"Fisher-Price Little People Nativity
Set"

Hands & Feet

Holidays can be a very painful time for people (loss of loved ones, employment, illness or many other challenges). Invite someone who is hurting to join you at a live Nativity, to look at Christmas light displays, or to come to our church's Christmas services.

Digging Deeper

1. Who did Mary visit?
2. What happened to Elizabeth when she heard Mary's voice?
3. Have you ever sang praise in worship to God? What did it feel like?
4. What are some reasons to worship and thank God at Christmastime?

Memory Maker

Visit a live Nativity...

"Live Nativity"
Galt Bible Church
December 7,8,9, 2017
6:30 – 8:30pm
http://www.galtbiblechurch.org/?page_id=481

"One Starry Night"
December 9,10 & 16,17
6 - 9 P.M.
Oak Tree Community Church
<http://oaktreeonline.org/events/one-starry-night/>