

Scripture Passage: Luke 1: 39-45

Story Point: In this passage of Scripture, we find Mary traveling through the hill country to a town in Judah to see her relative, Elizabeth. Mary had just been visited by the angel Gabriel and found out the amazing news that she had found favor with God, that the Holy Spirit had come upon her and that she was going to be the mother of Jesus. The angel had also told Mary of the pregnancy of her older relative, Elizabeth, who had been barren (unable to have children) for many years. Mary arrives at the home of Zechariah and Elizabeth and greets them, and Elizabeth immediately feels the baby inside her womb (John the Baptist) leap. Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, recognizes the significance of Mary's pregnancy and blesses her. Elizabeth praises Mary for believing in God's promises and acknowledges the special role Mary has in God's plan. Mary is excited to share the news of her miraculous pregnancy and to see Elizabeth, who has also experienced a miracle from God.

Discussion Questions:

- What did Elizabeth call Jesus?
- How did she know him as that?
- Who would you go to if you had wonderful news to share?
- Who would you want to talk to if you needed advice or help?
- What do you do when you get great news?
- How do you act if you're very joyful and excited about something special?
- If the Gospel means "good news" and our lives have been changed by the Gospel like Elizabeth's and Mary's was, what should our response be to this good news?
- How do we give praise to God for wonderful things?

