

Scripture Passage: Luke 1:46-55

Story Point: This passage of Scripture gives us a look into the heart of Mary, and the many things she must have been feeling after hearing the miraculous news from the angel Gabriel and sharing the joyous news with her cousin, Elizabeth. Mary is singing a song of praise to God, and she is not just sharing her thoughts with her cousin. She is saying that the Lord is great, and her spirit is rejoicing with the news that has come to her. Today, Mary's song is called The Magnificat, meaning "my soul magnifies the Lord" in Latin. One might wonder why Mary's song would be considered significant. Isn't her song just words spoken in a moment of happiness? The truth is that her song speaks of who she is and how deep her faith is. In verses 46-47 she says, "My soul praises the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." She goes on to reflect on the faithfulness of God to her and the Jewish people and proclaims God's continued favor.

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Discussion Questions:

- What attributes (characteristics) of God are praised in Mary's song?
- How does Mary describe herself in her song?
- According to Mary's song, what kinds of people are favored by God?
- Why do you think it is important to remember the ways the Lord has been faithful?
- Share a few ways you have seen the Lord's faithfulness in your life in the past year.

