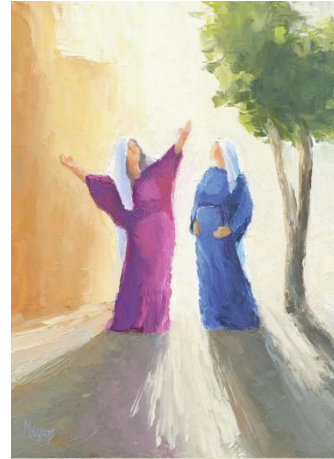


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LUKE 1:39-56 13/12/20



<p>Intro...</p>	<p><i>After being told by the angel Gabriel that she would have a baby, and that He would be the Son of God, Mary set out to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Gabriel told Mary that Elizabeth was having a baby too. When Mary saw Elizabeth, she burst into joy, and the baby inside of her did too!</i></p>
<p>Read...</p>	<p>Luke 1:39-56</p> <p>Read it here https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+1%3A30-56&version=NIVUK or listen here: https://www.biblegateway.com/audio/dramatized/niv/Luke.1</p>
<p>Listen...</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dK_ufB34pvQ</p>  <p><i>This song by Todd Agnew and Christy Nockels is based on Mary's song that she sings when she sees Elizabeth!</i></p>
<p>Watch...</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sAtO9nt7Xnc</p> <p>Watch Elizabeth meet Mary meet each other!</p> 
<p>Think...</p>	<p><i>Mary, eager to believe the word that God had given her through the angel Gabriel, traveled to see her cousin, Elizabeth. Even though Elizabeth was too old to bear a child, Gabriel assured Mary that just like the miracle of Jesus being born from Mary, Elizabeth would also have a miracle by her son being born.</i></p> <p><i>Do you ever struggle to believe that God will do what He said He would?</i></p>

When Mary finally sees Elizabeth, the baby in Elizabeth's womb jumps for joy inside of her! Elizabeth also breaks out into a joyful outburst, saying that God has been so gracious to her by bringing Mary, the mother of the Lord, to her.

What are some blessings that you are thankful for? What sorts of things remind you of how God has been kind to you?

In response to Elizabeth, Mary is so encouraged that she breaks out into praise of God herself. Mary thanks God that He has done great things for her even though she is small and humble girl. She says that God's mercy goes from generation to generation and humbles other people too by His mighty power. Mary says that God fills the hungry with "good things" and sends the rich away because of their pride. Mary finally says that God truly has accomplished the promise that He gave their forefather Abraham so many hundreds of years before, to give them a Saviour!

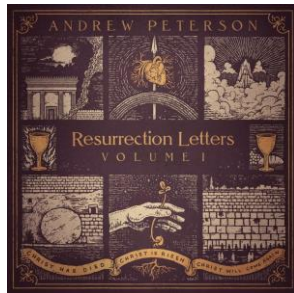
How can you respond like Mary this Christmas? How can remembering God's mercy make you break into joy? Why does God love humility and hate pride?

Listen...



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XAHplkqyL0g>

Kristian Stanfill - God, You're So Good



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Olahc83Kvp4>

Andrew Peterson - Is He Worthy?

These songs remind us of how God is good to us, and encourage us to respond to like Mary and Elizabeth did, with praise!

Pray...

- Use Mary's song of praise to pray your own prayer of praise to God
- Ask God to help you use this season of Christmas and Advent to help you remember how much he loves us and how awesome He is to come into the world to save us