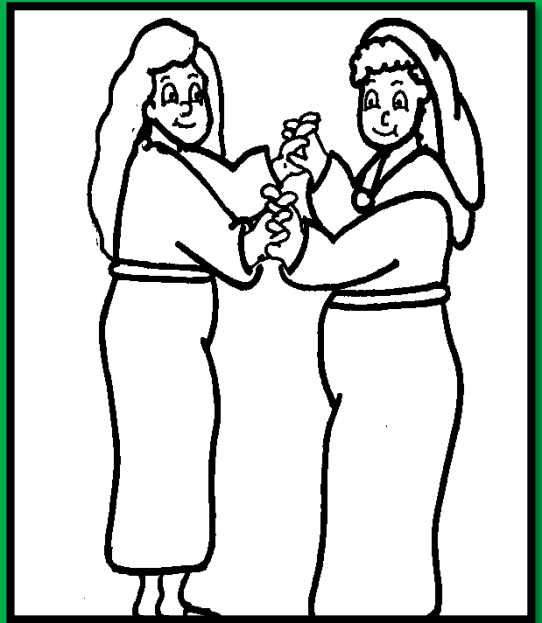


Christmas Stories with Jolly

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Mary
Visits
Elsabeth



For grades 3-5

Mary Visits Elisabeth

Once there was a young girl named Mary. Mary was very special. God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus. Mary's baby would be the Messiah. God sent his angel, Gabriel, to tell Mary His plan for her and her special baby.

After the angel left, Mary went on a long journey to visit her cousin, Elisabeth. Elisabeth and her husband, Zacharias, lived in a place called Judaea and it was a very long walk from Nazareth. Mary knew something very special was happening to her cousin. Gabriel had told Mary that Elisabeth was also going to have a baby. Gabriel had also visited Zacharias to tell him the news of their special baby. Elisabeth was much older than Mary. She was too old to have a baby, so Mary knew Elisabeth's baby was also a very special part of God's plan.

When Mary arrived at Zacharias and Elisabeth's home and greeted them, something very special happened. As soon as Elisabeth heard Mary's voice, the baby in her womb started to leap for joy. Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost, and she instantly knew Mary's secret. She knew Mary was going to have a baby, and that Mary's baby was going to be the Messiah. Elisabeth was so excited and honored that the mother of the Messiah had come to visit her. She told Mary that even her baby was excited.

Mary was so excited to talk to Elisabeth about all that was happening to her. Mary started praising God and singing about how wonderful it was that God chose her for this very special job. Mary said, "I'm just a regular girl but

God chose me and everyone who ever lives is going to know who I am because God is doing something special through me. God is so wonderful and loving. He is merciful and holy. He is powerful and He has always taken care of His people. I don't understand why he chose me, but I am so very glad that He did."

Mary and Elisabeth rejoiced together about the wonderful things God was doing through them. Mary stayed with Elisabeth and Zacharias for three months before returning to her home in Nazareth.

1. Who did Mary go visit?
2. How did Mary know Elisabeth?
3. Where did Zacharias and Elisabeth live?
4. What happened when Elisabeth heard Mary's voice?
5. How did Elisabeth know Mary was going to be the mother of the Messiah?
6. How did it make Elisabeth feel that Mary visited her?
7. How did Mary feel about being the mother of the Messiah?
8. What did Mary do to praise God for choosing her?
9. How long did Mary visit Elisabeth?

Look it Up! (All answers are KJV specific.)

Luke 1:39-56

39) And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with SHEAT _____, into a city of Juda;

40) And entered into the house of Zacharias, and LASTDUE _____ Elisabeth.

41) And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was DELIFL _____ with the Holy Ghost.

42) And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the TRIFU _____ of thy womb.

43) And whence is this to me, that the TOMHER _____ of my Lord should come to me?

44) For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my MOWB _____ for joy.

45) And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a REFORMAPECN _____ of those things which were told her from the Lord.

46) And Mary said, My soul doth YAGIMFN _____ the Lord.

47) And my spirit hath DROJIEC _____ in God my Saviour

48) For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me SLEDEBS _____

49) For he that is HITGYM _____ hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.

50) And his CREMY _____ is on them that fear him from generation to generation

51) He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their SHARET _____

52) He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low GREEDE _____.

53) He hath filled the NUGHRY _____ with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

54) He hath holpen his VASERTN _____ Israel, in remembrance of his mercy.

55) As he spake to our SAFEHRT _____, to Abraham and to his seed for ever

56) And Mary abode with her about three SMOHNT _____, and returned to her own house

Reflection Questions

1. Have you ever needed a friend and out of nowhere God sent you someone who knew exactly what you were going through because they were going through the same thing?
2. Have you ever taken the time to think about how much God has blessed you and started praising Him or singing?

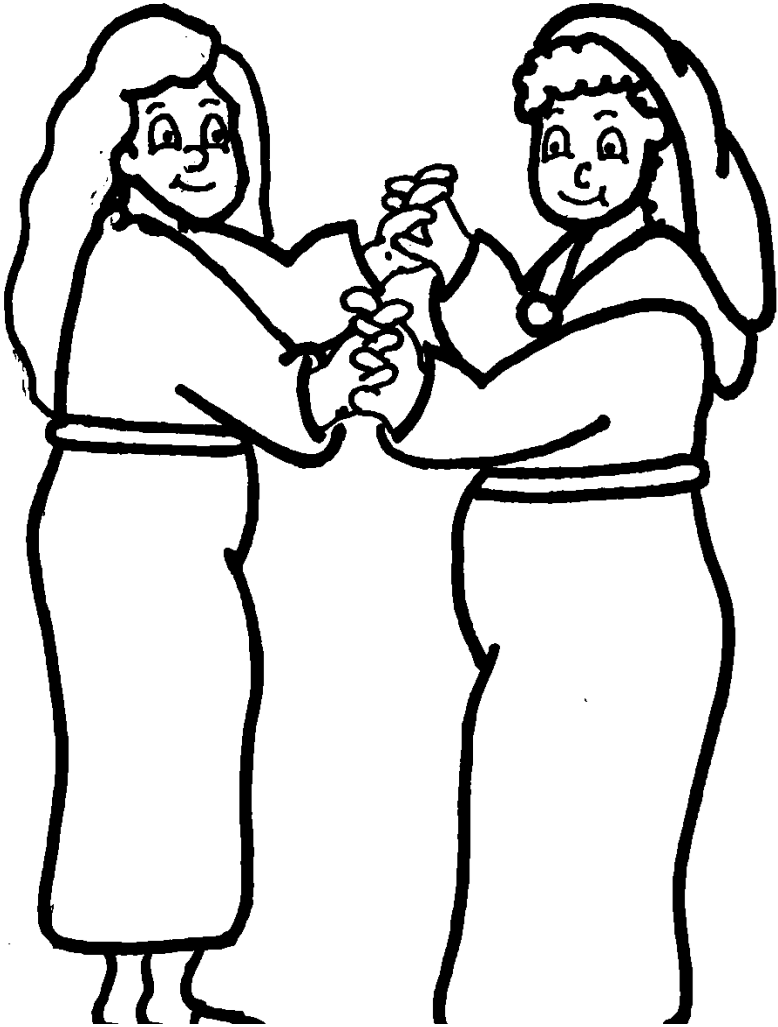
In My World

Mary probably didn't understand everything that was happening to her. God was using her in a very big way but not everyone would believe her story of what Gabriel had told her. She was having to think about a lot of scary things that girls her age usually didn't have to think about. Then she went to visit Elisabeth. Not only was Elisabeth also having a special baby, she instantly understood everything that was happening to Mary before Mary even had to tell her. God gave Mary a special friend in her cousin who understood. Sometimes when life gets crazy, God sends us special friends who understand how to be there for us while we are trying to figure things out. These friends may come in all shapes and sizes, but we need to be sure that we thank God for those special relationships.

My Prayer for You

My prayer for you is that you appreciate the special people God puts in your life to help you through difficult situations. Sometimes our most precious relationships are with people who are very different from us. I pray that you never narrow your circle of friends to only include people your age, race, social status, or background. Friends come in all shapes and sizes, and God knows exactly which ones we need and when we need them to be part of our world. Don't take those special relationships for granted. Praise God for them.

The babe leaped in my womb for
joy. Luke 1:44



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1. Elisabeth
2. They were cousins
3. Judaea
4. The baby in her belly jumped for joy
5. She was filled with the Holy Ghost
6. Excited and honored
7. Happy and blessed
8. Sing
9. 3 months

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