

Christmas Stories with Jolly

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Mary Visits Elisabeth



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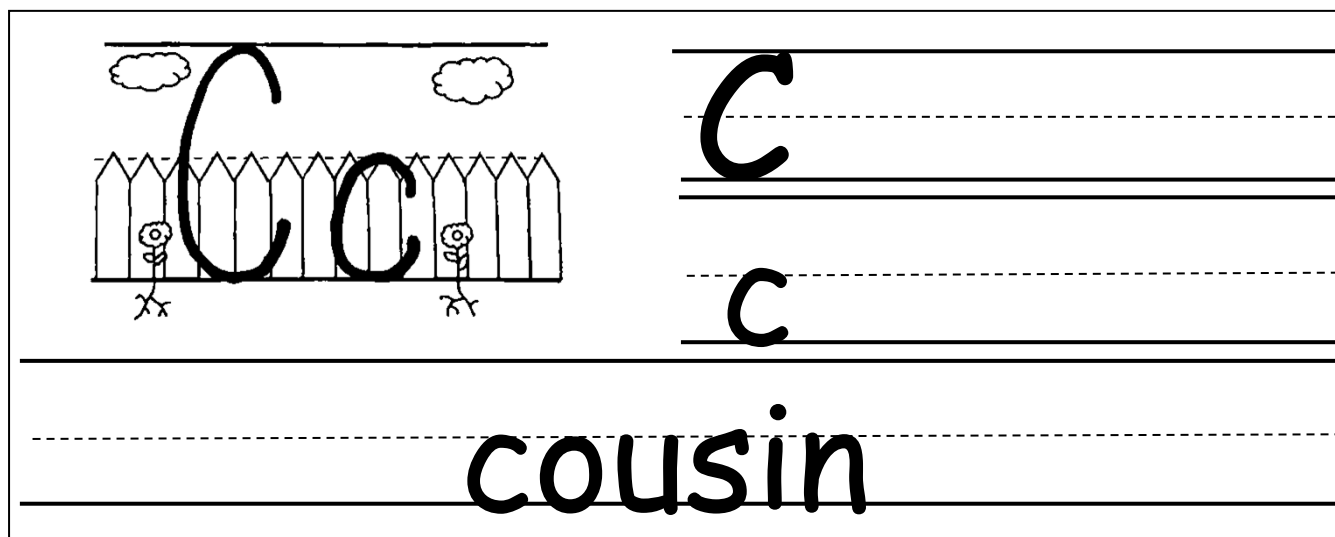
Once there was a young girl named Mary. Mary was very special. God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus. Mary's baby would be the Messiah. God sent his angel, Gabriel, to tell Mary His plan for her and her special baby.

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.

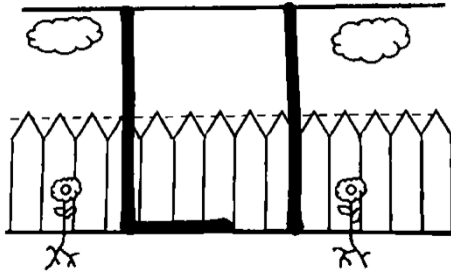


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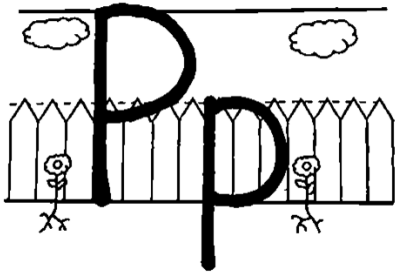
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1. Who did Mary go visit?
2. How did Mary know Elisabeth?
3. Where did Zacharias and Elizabeth live?
4. What happened when Elisabeth heard Mary's voice?
5. How did Elisabeth know Mary was going to be the mother of the Messiah?
6. How did it make Elisabeth 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?

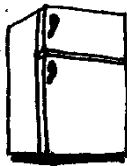


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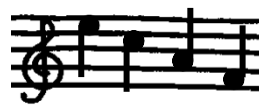
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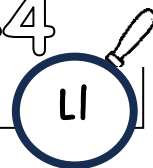
When Mary spoke, Elisabeth could feel the baby inside her tummy leap with joy. Look at the pictures below. Circle the items that belong inside. Put an "X" on the things that belong outside.



Mary told Elisabeth how special she thought it was that God chose her to give birth to the Messiah. Then she praised God. This part of the bible is called "Mary's Song". Look at the songs below and match the songs that are exactly alike.



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



womb

- The part of a
mommy's tummy
where a baby grows

When Elisabeth heard Mary's voice, the baby
inside her tummy jumped for joy. In the
space below, draw an animal that jumps.

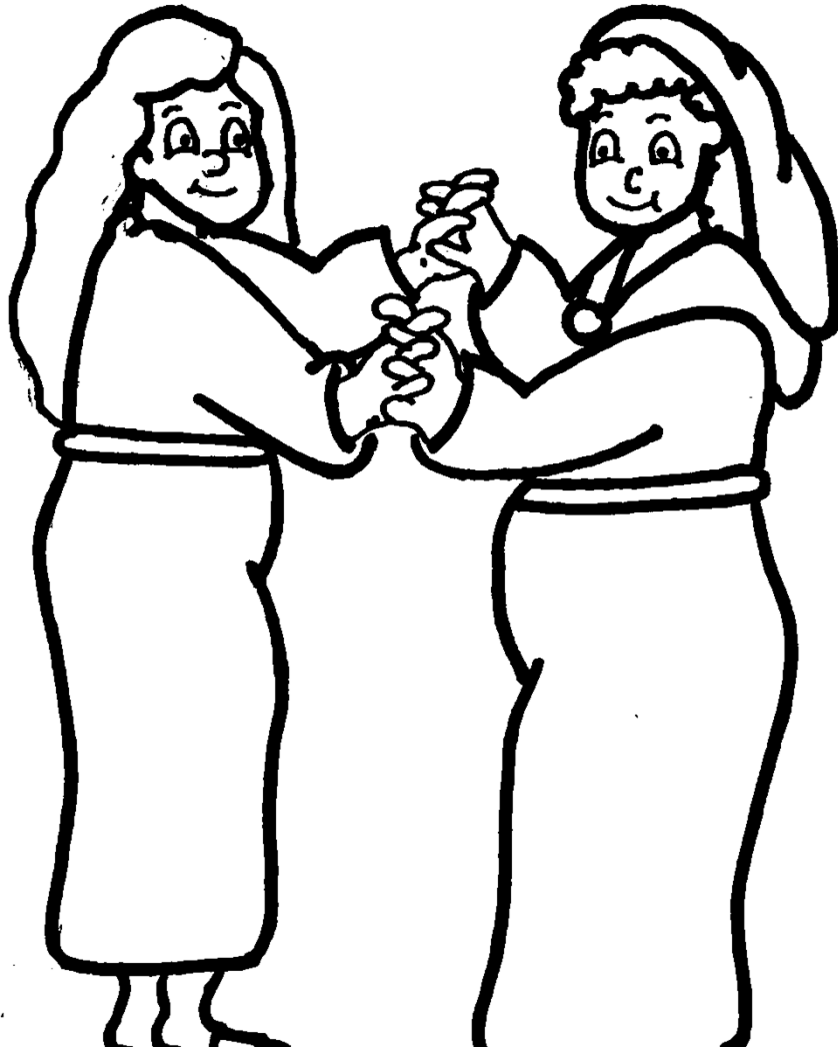
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- My baby was going to
be the Messiah.

Who am I?

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The babe leaped in my womb for joy.

Luke 1:44



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