

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 1, Session 2

CONNECTION POINT:

Our response to the birth of Jesus is a life fully devoted to Him.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: In today's passage, we see Mary's response to the promise of her baby boy—the Savior of the world. Some may call these verses “Mary's Praise” or “Mary's Song” as she gave a heartfelt, worshipful response because of the magnitude of the moment and situation she was blessed to be in. We get a peek into what an intimate relationship with God looks like and a life entirely devoted to Him.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to live out his or her faith.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Luke 1:39-56

Live It Out: Write *Jesus* in the center of a paper. Give your child markers, crayons, or stickers to decorate the name. Say that Elizabeth and Mary praised God for the news of Jesus' birth.

After an angel visited Mary, she went to visit an older relative named Elizabeth.

Elizabeth was waiting for her own baby to be born. When Mary spoke to her, Elizabeth knew something special had happened to Mary. Elizabeth praised God. She was happy to hear that Mary would have this special baby. Elizabeth said Mary was special because she would have God's Son.

Mary praised God as she said, “You do great things. You are kind to all people. You keep Your promises.” Mary thanked God for the promises He had given. Mary knew God would keep the promises He gave her.

Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months, and then she returned to her home in the town of Nazareth.

KIDS

Scripture: Luke 1:39-56

Live It Out: Review the Bible story with your child. Read Luke 1:46-47, with her. Explain that Mary was praising God for the miracle of Jesus. Help her memorize the verse.

After Mary heard she would have a baby, she traveled to see her relative, Elizabeth. Mary went into the house where Elizabeth lived. Mary greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's voice, she felt her baby jump inside of her! Elizabeth was then filled with God's Holy Spirit who helped her understand that Mary's baby was special. Elizabeth said, “You are blessed among all women, and your child will be blessed!”

Mary was also filled with joy. She praised God with beautiful words. She said, “I praise my great God, and my spirit is full of joy in my Savior. He has been good to me. He is a mighty God and has done great things for me.” In her praise, Mary spoke of many of the great things God had done as He kept His promises to His people.

Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months, and then Mary returned home.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Luke 1:46-56

- What does it mean for Jesus to be the Lord of our lives? What does it mean for Jesus to be our Savior?
- How have you seen the goodness of God on display in your life?
- How can our pride, ego, and selfish ambition keep us from what God has for us?

Live It Out: The people around you may not understand the plan of God and His working in our lives. Walking in faithfulness shows Jesus to those who struggle to believe in Him. This week, encourage your student to walk in faithfulness at his or her school. Ask your student what this could look like for him or her practically (how he or she treats others, what he or she talks about, etc.).