



Sunday, December 19, 2021
Mary's Magnificat * Luke 1:39-58



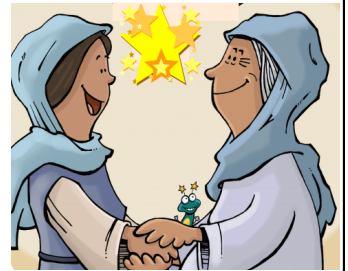
What's the Big Idea?

God gave us Jesus as a wonderful gift!

Mary's song in this story is called the "Magnificat" (sounds a lot like the word *magnificent*). It talks about how Jesus will turn the world upside-down, bringing peace, justice and well-being for all people. She sang this song on a visit to see her cousin, Elizabeth, who was also expecting a baby. The two shared in the joy and blessing of their happy news.

Mary's song:

I praise God and I am so happy because of God my Savior. God has chosen me, a simple servant. From now on, all people will know that God has blessed me. God has done something wonderful for me, and God's name is holy. God shows kindness to people who obey God, gives power to the poor, and feeds hungry people. God has helped the people of Israel by keeping the promises made to our ancestor Abraham and his family forever.



Have you ever been so full of joy that you burst into song like Mary?!

Read It

Find this week's story on pages 202-207 of your Spark Story Bible.

Where do you see Squiggles this week?



Try It

- 1) Do you know someone who has recently had a baby? Gather your favorite art supplies and paper, and make them a card to let them know you are thinking about them and holding them in prayer. Say a prayer for the baby and family as you work on the card.



- 2) Music helps us celebrate all kinds of occasions. What are some of your favorite Christmas carols to sing? Pick a few to sing together!



Talk About It

- 1) Children, ask your parents to start a story like this: "I remember when we found out you would be our child..."
- 2) What kinds of good news have you shared with people you love?
- 3) Can you think of amazing things God still does for God's creation today?
- 4) Mary's song is a prayer. As a small group or family, try to write a prayer – a vision – for what God wants the world to be.

Pray: Thank you, God, for the gift of Jesus. As we celebrate his coming birth, give us the gift of amazement as we see all that you are doing in our world. Amen.

Memorize It

Challenge yourself to memorize the following verse of the week.

I praise God and I am so happy because of God my savior.

Luke 1:46-47

Mary's Magnificat

My soul magnifies the Lord!

Magni-Find the Words

Use the letters from the words, "My soul magnifies the Lord" to see how many other words you can create



Mary was so full
of joy that her
words sounded
like a beautiful
song.

