

## **Mary and the Angel**

Luke 1:39-56

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Mary left her home in Nazareth and traveled south to the home of Zechariah and Elizabeth in the hill country of Judea west of Jerusalem. When she arrived, she greeted Elizabeth, and when Elizabeth heard Mary's voice her baby jumped inside her.

Elizabeth was immediately filled with the Holy Spirit and said, "You are blessed more than any other woman! And God has blessed the child you will bear. But why has the mother of my Lord come to me? As soon as I heard your voice, my baby leaped for joy. Oh how happy is the woman who trusts in God, whose promises are always kept."

Then Mary said, "My heart is overflowing in praise of God. I am full of joy because of God my Savior. God has deigned to notice me, a humble servant. The One who can do anything has done wonderful things for me. From now on, every person who will ever live will say I am the happiest of women.

"God is holy above all else. Those who worship God know the mercy of God. God scatters those who are proud. God drags strong rulers from their thrones and puts humble people in places of power. God gives the hungry good things to eat and sends the rich away empty-handed. God helps Israel, remembering to be merciful to the descendants of Abraham forever!"

Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months. Then she went back home to Nazareth.