

# Mary Praised God

Luke 1:26-56

Unit 19, Lesson 2

## What we learned

Mary was willing to follow God's plan, even though being Jesus' mother would not be easy. Mary wanted to bring praise to God. Likewise, Jesus brought praise to His Father by willingly dying on the cross to save people from sin.

## Discussion Questions

- 1. The angel said to Mary, "Rejoice! You have found favor with God. He is with you." Mary was very afraid and puzzled, but still said "I belong to God."**
  - To "find favor with God" means that He gives us something good or that He approves. In what ways do you feel like you have found favor with God?
  - Since God is so loving and powerful, can we trust Him even when we are scared?
  - Why is it such a good thing to belong to God?
- 2. Mary and Elizabeth are relatives. God blessed them both with babies who would go on to do very important and wonderful things.**
  - As we discussed last week, God has a purpose for everyone in the family tree of Jesus and in our own family tree — no matter how old we are! What are ways we can thank for God for being included in His family?
  - In verse 41 when Elizabeth heard Mary's voice, the baby jumped for joy inside her belly! How do you celebrate seeing your family members?

## Memory Verse for this unit

"Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners— of whom I am chief."

- 1 Timothy 1:15

## Pray Together

Spend time this week praising God for the ways that He is committed to His people and the ways He has redeemed us. Pray together that God would bring new life and new hope to members of your family, your neighbors, and our city through the Gospel.

Ask each member of your family – adults included – to share one thing they would like prayer for. Have someone to pray for that person’s request. Encourage your family to pray for that person for the entire week.

Here is Mary’s prayer from the end of Luke chapter 1 that we can all join in throughout the week: “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

he has brought down the mighty from their thrones  
and exalted those of humble estate;

he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,

as he spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

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