



Mary Praised God

Luke 1:26-56

MAIN POINT: GOD CHOSE MARY TO BE JESUS' MOTHER.

One day, God sent an angel to visit Mary. She was engaged to be married to Joseph.

The angel said to Mary, "Rejoice! You have found favor with God. He is with you." Mary was very afraid and puzzled.

The angel told Mary to not be afraid. He told Mary that she was going to have a very special and unique baby, and they would call the baby Jesus.

Mary asked the angel, "How can that happen? I am not married yet."

The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come, and a miracle will happen. The baby will be God's Son."

Mary replied, "I belong to God. May everything happen just as you said."

Mary praised God with a song about how great God is. God was keeping His promise to Abraham to bless the whole world through Jesus.

Christ Connection: 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.

MEMORY VERSE:

Christ Jesus came in to the world to save all sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What makes Jesus different? Jesus is fully God and fully man.

BIBLE STORY:

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- God chose Mary to be Jesus' mother.
- Mary's cousin Elizabeth was chosen to have a special son too.
- Elizabeth's baby would prepare the way for Jesus, as the Scriptures prophesied.
- Mary praised God for His good plans.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How do you think Elizabeth's baby knew Jesus was near?
- How do you think Mary felt about being the Messiah's mother?
- Can you think of other difficult things God asks people to do?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Work with your family to write a praise song. Sing it together before meals, on the way to church, or before bed.