

Children's Church at home 22 March 2020

Some activities for Mother's Day, based on the plan for Sunday:

Craft ingredients: coloured paper, coloured card, pens, scissors, Pritt stick, Sellotape.

Ask the children if they remember last week's story. (Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus tells her about the living water. Craft was making a well)

Introduction: do you know anyone who's going to have a baby? What is a baby shower? Talk about the excitement of a new baby in the family. Talk about Mother's Day. Is anything special happening today?

Story: Read about when Mary finds out she's going to have a baby, God's baby, and decides to go to see Elizabeth. It's in Lion First Bible P287-291, or you may have a good Children's Bible at home, or here is the Easy-to-Read version (you may need to paraphrase!): ³⁰The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary, because God is very pleased with you. ³¹Listen! You will become pregnant and have a baby boy. You will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great. People will call him the Son of the Most High God, and the Lord God will make him king like his ancestor David. ³³He will rule over the people of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How will this happen? I am still a virgin."

³⁵The angel said to Mary, "The Holy Spirit will come to you, and the power of the Most High God will cover you. The baby will be holy and will be called the Son of God. ³⁶And here's something else: Your relative Elizabeth is pregnant. She is very old, but she is going to have a son. Everyone thought she could not have a baby, but she has been pregnant now for six months. ³⁷God can do anything!"

³⁸Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant. Let this thing you have said happen to me!" Then the angel went away.

Mary Visits Zechariah and Elizabeth

³⁹Mary got up and went quickly to a town in the hill country of Judea. ⁴⁰She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the unborn baby inside her jumped, and she was filled with the Holy Spirit.

⁴²In a loud voice she said to Mary, "God has blessed you more than any other woman. And God has blessed the baby you will have. ⁴³You are the mother of my Lord, and you have

come to me! Why has something so good happened to me? ⁴⁴ When I heard your voice, the baby inside me jumped with joy. ⁴⁵ Great blessings are yours because you believed what the Lord said to you! You believed this would happen.”

Mary Praises God

⁴⁶ Then Mary said,

“I praise the Lord with all my heart.

⁴⁷ I am very happy because God is my Saviour.

⁴⁸ I am not important,

but he has shown his care for me, his lowly servant.

From now until the end of time,

people will remember how much God blessed me.

⁴⁹ Yes, the Powerful One has done great things for me.

His name is very holy.

⁵⁰ He always gives mercy

to those who worship him.

⁵¹ He reached out his arm and showed his power.

He scattered those who are proud and think great things about themselves.

⁵² He brought down rulers from their thrones

and raised up the humble people.

⁵³ He filled the hungry with good things,

but he sent the rich away with nothing.

⁵⁴ God has helped Israel—the people he chose to serve him.

He did not forget his promise to give us his mercy.

⁵⁵ He has done what he promised to our ancestors,

to Abraham and his children forever.”

⁵⁶ Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then went home. **Luke 1:30-56.**

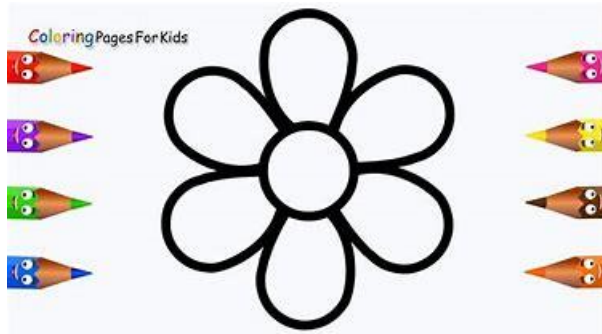
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Quiz: Who told Mary she was going to have a baby? What was Mary's baby going to be called? How did she feel? Who did she go and see? What happened when Elizabeth saw Mary? What did Mary talk about when she praised God?

Craft: make a Mother's Day card. Fold the card, draw a picture on the front, write inside!

Or draw a large flower like this on a piece of paper.



It should take up about half a page.

Write a message or draw a picture in the middle.

Fold the petals over the message or picture.

Now give your flower to your Mummy. Tell her to put some water in a bowl and float the flower on the water.

It will open up and show her what you have written or drawn for her!

You could make several!

Prayer: Start by praying a blessing on each of the people in the room, families and friends, near and far.

Lord, thank you for Mummy and Daddyand ... and ... and please bless them all.
Amen.

Father God, thank you for loving me so much. Thank you for my family especially my Mummy today, Mother's Day. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.