



"As soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's voice, her baby leapt within her womb." Lk.1:21

Youth News

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This Week's Edition:

The Visitation!



DID YOU KNOW?

The entire first half of the "Hail Mary" prayer is taken from the first chapter of Luke. Check in your Bible and see! (note: some bibles have different wordings so it might not be exactly the same)

"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you" (Lk. 1:28) is what the angel Gabriel says to Mary when he tells her she will become the mother of Jesus.

"Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus" (Lk. 1:42) is what Elizabeth says to Mary during their encounter.

The Visitation

Lk. 1: 39-45

When the angel Gabriel told Mary that her cousin, Elizabeth, was also going to have a baby, Mary went as quickly as she could to the town where Zechariah and Elizabeth lived, up in the hill country of Judah. When Mary arrived, she greeted her cousin, Elizabeth. As soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's voice, the baby in her womb began to move.

Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and said to Mary:

"Of all women on earth, you are most blessed. And the baby in your womb is also blessed. I am so honoured because you, the mother of my Lord, have come to visit me! You are blessed, Mary, because you believed in the promise that God made to you."



*And blessed is the fruit
of your womb*

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What do YOU Think About this Story?

1. I wonder why the baby in Elizabeth's womb moved when Mary came near...

2. I wonder how Elizabeth knew that Mary was pregnant with the Son of God...

3. I wonder how Mary felt when Elizabeth said all those things to her...

Boredom Busters!

Prepare a Christmas play with your siblings/friends and perform it for your families!

The Play: Too-oo-oo-oo Busy!

Characters:

- Sam, Mollie, Jason, Garrett
- Shopper #1/wife/Sunday school teacher
- Shopper #2/husband/Sunday school child
- Priest

(Remember: one person can play multiple characters)

Shopper #1: *(sounding exhausted)* This is a busy time of year! I have to shop and bake and decorate and get ready for all the parties!

Shopper #2: *(Nodding her head)* I know what you mean. I haven't even started addressing our Christmas cards yet.

Shopper #1: Cards?! Oh no. I knew I'd forget something. Hey, I've got to run to the store right now! *(She hurriedly turns around and exits)*

(4 students, sitting beside each other on stools)

Sam: People sure are busy these days.

Mollie: Yeah. Mom and Dad hardly have time to rest

Garrett: Is that what Christmas is all about... being busy?

Jason: Let's see if we can find out what Christmas is all about. Here comes someone now! *(a husband and wife enter. Husband is carrying packages, and wife is checking things off a long list)*

Mollie: *(gets off her stool and walks toward the couple)* Excuse me. May I ask you a question?

Wife: Huh? Oh! What? Excuse me, little girl. *(To her husband)* Isn't she cute? *(To Mollie)* We don't have time to talk right now. *(Looks at her list and literally turns her husband around to return to a store. She calls over her shoulder to Mollie)* Sorry! We're just too busy. *(To her husband)* Isn't she cute? *(They exit)*

Sam: We didn't find anything out from those shoppers.

Mollie: They were too busy

Garrett: I want to know the true meaning of Christmas.

Jason: Me too!

Sam: Here comes someone else. *(woman with lots of groceries enters from the office)* Maybe she can answer our question. Excuse me, are you busy?

Grocery Shopper: *(sighing, carrying grocery bag with script taped on the back of it)* I certainly am busy. I was baking cookies, and I ran out of vanilla. I was so sure that I had plenty of vanilla. Isn't that the way it always is. The ingredient you're sure you have is the first to go. Oh yes, I'm very busy! These cookies are for church, you know. *(She pauses and thinks)* But do you want a cookie? I do have a few from my first batch with me. *(She hands them a cookie and exits)*

Mollie: Well, what did she say?

Sam: She was too busy to talk

Garrett: Do you ever think we'll find the true meaning of Christmas?

Jason: Everyone's too busy! I'm frustrated.

Priest: Hi kids! How is everything going?

Mollie: Not too well

Garrett: I'm frus-ter-ated!

Jason: Everyone is too busy to tell us the true meaning of Christmas. We know all the regular stuff like shopping and cookies and cards, but what is the real meaning of Christmas?

Priest: Well it is a busy time of year, but I think I've got time to talk to all of you. Here, let me get my Bible. It's all in God's Word

(He reads Luke 2:1-14 from the Bible and someone brings out a nativity set). God sent His Son to earth at Christmas. Jesus lived on this earth for 33 years, and then was crucified. Jesus never did anything wrong. He didn't die for HIS sins, He died for our sins so that we could spend eternity in heaven with God.

So the busyness and fun is a part of the celebration of Christmas. We just have to be careful that being busy doesn't replace being with Christ. Jesus is what it is all about. He is the true meaning of Christmas.

Jason: Jesus came to earth... so that we could go to heaven!

Jesus is the true meaning of Christmas! I get it! I get it!

Other 3 kids: Me too!

(Everyone ends by singing "Joy to the World")

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COMING UP IN YOUTH MINISTRY...

Please note that there will be no Children's Program on Dec 24, Dec 25, Dec 27, Jan 1 or Jan 3. Children's Program will resume on Sun Jan 10, 2016.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...FIRST COMMUNION PREP IN JANUARY 2016

All children in grade 2 and their parents are invited to a First Communion Info Meeting with Natalie in the parish hall on Sunday January 10 from 11:45am-12:45pm. Please bring a nut free lunch.

The dates for First Communion preparation are: Sunday January 24, Sunday January 31, Sunday February 7. All classes are held from 11:45am-1:15pm in the parish hall and children are asked to bring a nut free lunch.

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