

#68 PreK-2nd and 3rd & up: The 4th Sunday of Advent-Close to Home: Seeking Sanctuary-Love
Annunciation/Mary's Visit to Elizabeth

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Dear Families: As we get closer to the holidays I pray we are all making space and time for God. It is easy to get lost in all the preparations and details that do make this time of year fun (most of the time). I hope we can see all that we have and be grateful. My mom always had us clean out all our toys to give away so “we have enough room for all our new things.” I worked in an organization that took donations and going through them was part of my job. It was always a blessing when I sorted clean and well repaired or new things. It makes me think of the Magi’s gifts to Jesus; gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They gave the best to the Lord. Gently used things are fine to pass along to others. Please just think about whether you would want your child to receive them. God Bless!

Bible Text: Luke 1:26-38; 39-56 Abridged

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel of the Lord said to her, “Do not be afraid Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name Him Jesus. He will be great and be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever and of His kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be since I am a virgin?” And the angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; He will be called the Son of God. And now your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.” And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord! My spirit rejoices in God my Savior!” . . . And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

Bible Verse:

*The Lord your God is with you
wherever you go.*

Joshua 1:9

Prayer:

God be in my head and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes and in my looking;
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;
God be in my heart and in my thinking;
God be with me wherever I go.

Activities: Songs for all:Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me, (3X)
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, this I know
As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee,
Saying, "Let them come to Me."
Yes, Jesus loves me, (3X)
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me still today,
Walking with me on my way.
Wanting as a friend to give,
Light and love to all who live.
Yes, Jesus loves me, (3X)
The Bible tells me so.

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King.
Let ev'ry heart, prepare Him room.
And heaven and nature sing, (2X)
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ.
While fields and floods, rocks hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, (2X)
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove,
The glories of His righteous
And wonders of His love, (2X)
And wonders, wonders of His love.

Pre-K-2nd: *2 Coloring pages-Annunciation & Visit to Elizabeth *4 smaller pages from
"Children's Worship Bulletin"

3rd and Up: *Check out the coloring pages above if you like to color *A Visit from an Angel word
find *Mary Visited Elizabeth Word Scramble *Joy! Crossword & Fill in the Blank puzzles

For Both Age Groups: *2 theme pages on LOVE

Answers to Puzzles:

P M J E L I Z A B E T H N X X
 N I A Q I P M K B T O W T V Q
 U A E R S O M P V Q H U A D K
 Z M Z S R E B A Q I R R Y R Y
 J A A A U I P F P S R N Q O B
 R F N O R S E H Z Y S G X N I
 H R G Y K E A D N B H I I W E
 Z A E G I Q T H O I L W E N I
 H I L A N I S H T R D Q H L Y
 G D C L G D A L H T A O V W E
 I S Y I D D E U I H V H O O Q
 S O N L O Z I G N X L G N U
 R C M E M S E X G L D X W S J
 Y Y C E G A B R I E L O T N H
 A M E B W X F K U F T G I W R

ELGARIB

GABRIEL

BLUMEH

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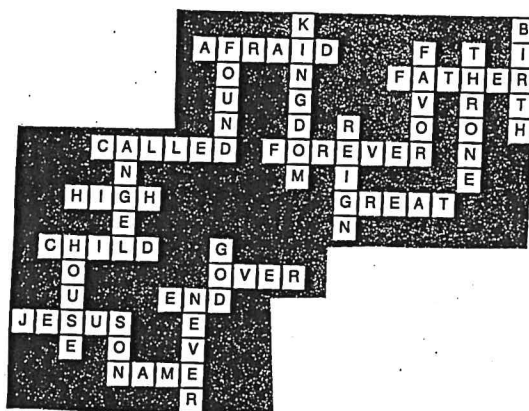
BAZELTHIE

ELIZABETH

SLEBDES

BLESSED

MOTHER OF JESUS



But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God.

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He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne

of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will

never end."

- Luke 1:30-33



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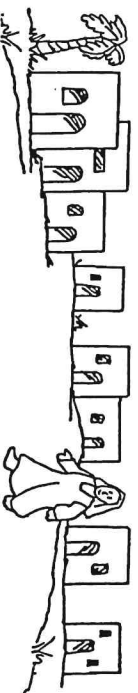
Mary Visits Elizabeth

When Mary found out

she was going to have a baby, she went to Judea to visit her cousin Elizabeth.

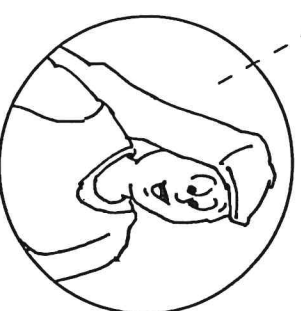
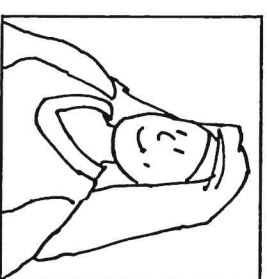
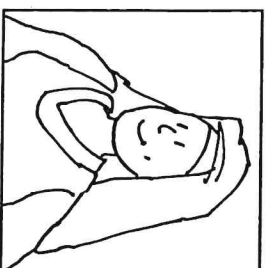
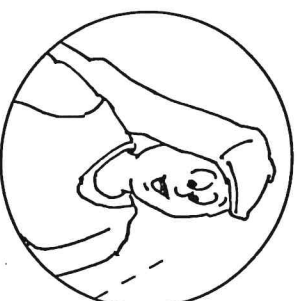
In each column, circle the letter that is the same as the one above.

J	U	Q	e	Q
J	U	Q	e	Q
V	Q	e	b	
U	C	O	Q	



Elizabeth was also going to have a baby! When she heard Mary's voice, the baby leaped for joy inside her, and she was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Draw a line between the shapes that match.



Through Mary, who would give birth to Jesus, God helped His people just as He had promised.

Circle the hidden objects in the picture below.

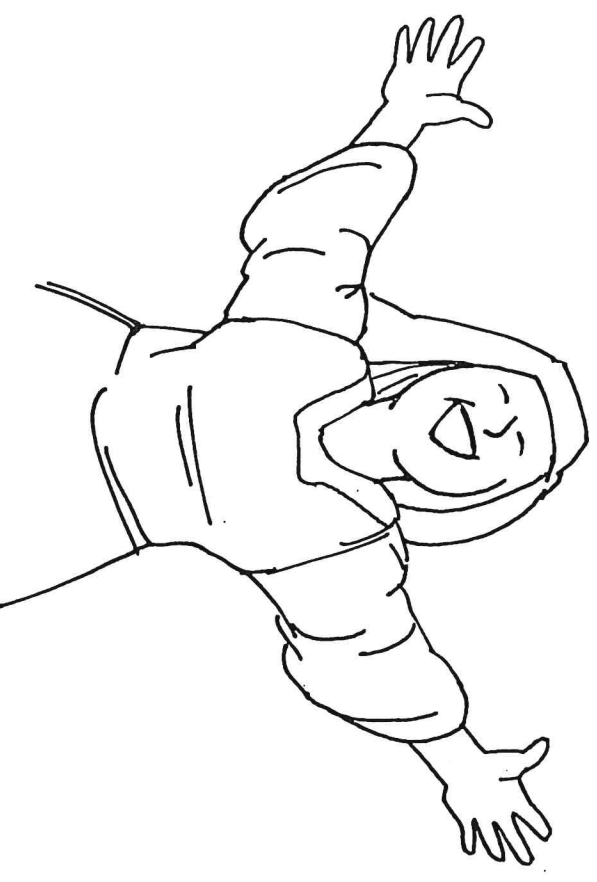


Mary praised God.

Trace the letters.

Mary said, "God has done great things for me."

"Holy is His name."



A Visit from an Angel

But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. Luke 1:30-31

Based on Luke 1:26-38 (NIV)



P M J E L I Z A B E T H N X X
 N J A O I P M K B T O W T V Q
 U A E R S O M P V O H U A D K
 Z M Z S R E B A O I R R Y R Y
 J A A A U I P F R S R N O O B
 R F N O R S E H Z Y S G X N I
 H R G Y K E A D N B H I I W E
 Z A E G I Q T H O I L W B N I
 H I L A N I S H T R D Q H L Y
 G D C L G D A L H T A O V W E
 I S Y I D D E U I H V H O O Q
 S O N L O Z I G N X I L G N U
 R C M E M S E X G L D X W S J
 Y Y C E G A B R I E L O T N H
 A M E B W X F K U F T G I W R

THRONE	AFRAID	JESUS	MARY	MARRIED
JOSEPH	IMPOSSIBLE	BIRTH	GALILEE	VIRGIN
DAVID	SON	TOWN	NAZARETH	GABRIEL
NOTHING	ELIZABETH	BORN	KINGDOM	ANGEL

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Mary Visited Elizabeth Word Scramble

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circle boxes and unscramble them to find the answer to the last phrase.

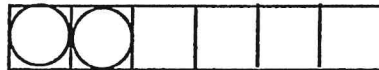
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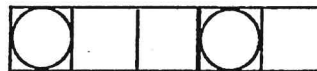
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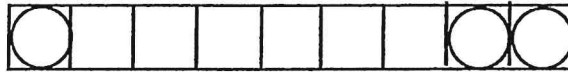
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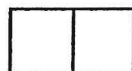


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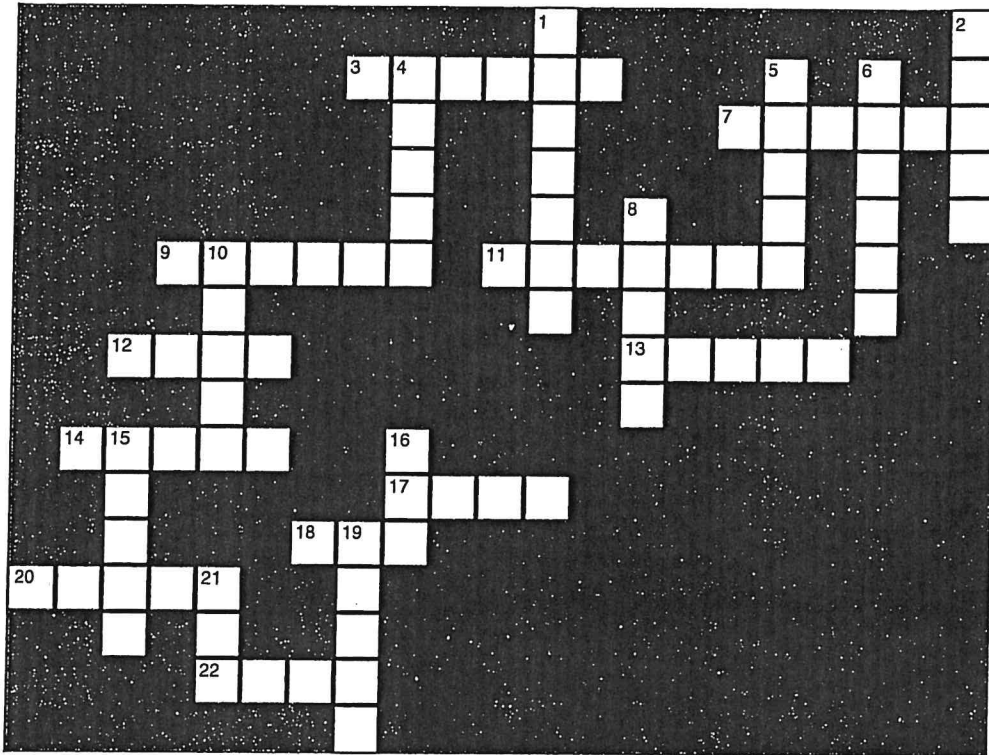
What did the angel tell Mary?

That she would be the



Joy!

All the people were waiting for the Messiah. They had waited for many years! Finally, news of the Messiah came from an angel who spoke to Mary. The angel said Mary would be the mother of the Messiah. Use the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle, then use the words from the puzzle to fill in the spaces in the Scripture that describes the angel's visit to Mary.



Down

1. Country ruled by a king
2. Act of being born
4. Did find
5. High esteem
6. Chair occupied by king
8. What a king does
10. God's messenger
15. The building in which one lives
16. Great Creator
19. Not ever
21. Male offspring

Across

3. Scared
7. Male parent
9. Named
11. Eternally
12. Above average
13. Remarkable, outstanding
14. Son or daughter
17. Above
18. Opposite of beginning
20. God's Son
22. What you are called

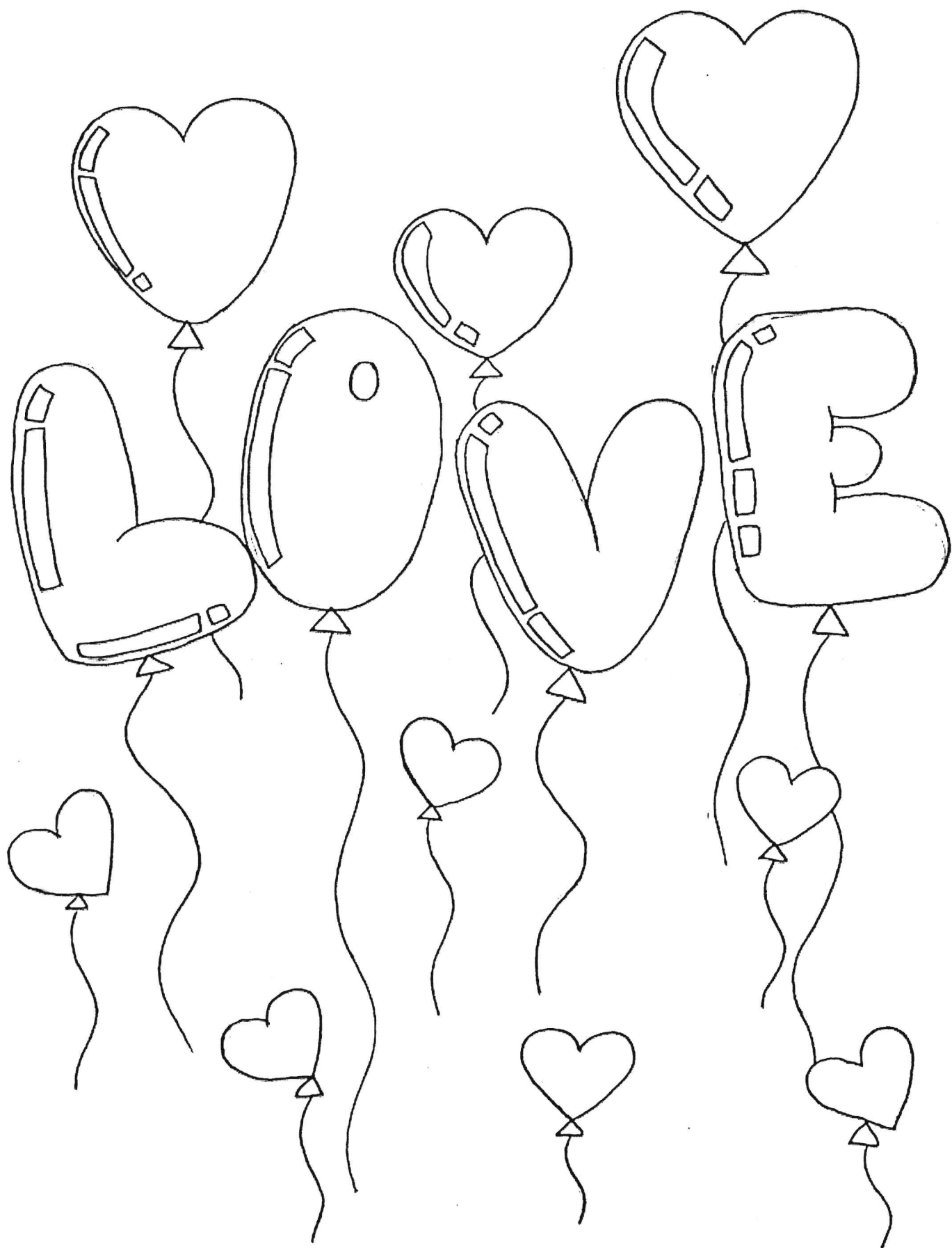
But the 10 said to her, "Do not be 3, Mary, you have 4 5 with 16.

You will be with 14 and give 2 to a 21, and you are to give him the 22 20.

He will be 13 and will be 9 the Son of the Most 12. The Lord God will give him the 6

of his 7 David, and he will 8 17 the 15 of Jacob 11; his 1 will

19 18." - Luke 1:30-33



Cut and paste the letters L-O-V-E.

