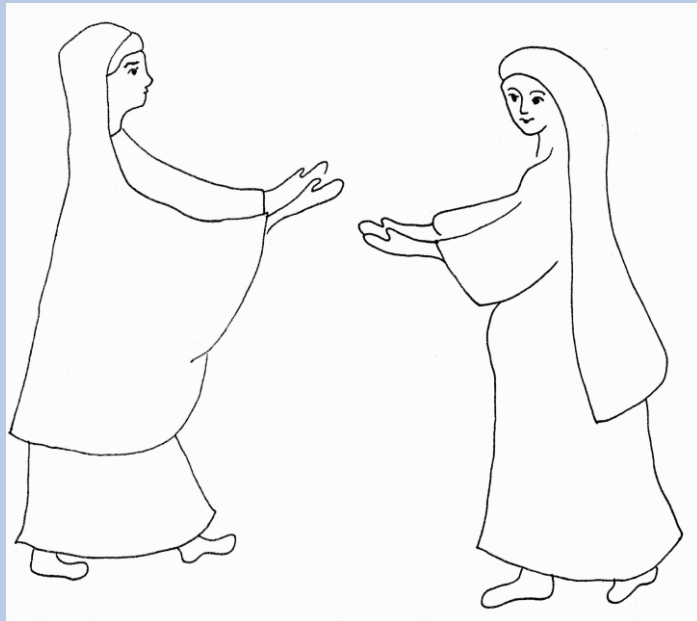


Mary Visits Elizabeth





Set up diorama of Elizabeth's house, with Elizabeth standing outside.

Have Mary out of sight - some distance away so that she has to travel.

Our story is called the Visitation - where Mary visits Elizabeth. Mary had special news to share with Elizabeth.

Our story takes place in land of Israel.

Point to the map of Israel on the page before.

Because we are reading from the Scriptures, we need to light a candle.

Light the candle and begin reading from the Scriptures (Luke 1:39-49)

During those days Mary set out and travelled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

Have Mary move slowly towards the house of Elizabeth

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb,

Lift the figure of Elizabeth in a little "jump".

and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said,

Move the figure of Elizabeth back a little

"Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the

mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy.

Move the figure of Elizabeth back a little closer to Mary.

Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

Make the figure of Mary face outwards towards those listening....

And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my saviour. For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

Extinguish the candle, and move Mary and Elizabeth into the house.

"I wonder" questions...

I wonder if Elizabeth knew Mary was coming

I wonder why Elizabeth was excited when she saw Mary coming...

I wonder how Mary felt she realised that Elizabeth already knew her secret...

I wonder why Elizabeth's baby "leaped" inside her...

Put it away and get it ready for the next person.

