

Biblical Drama based on Luke 1:39-56

Character Parts: Narrators 1-8, Mary, Elizabeth, Zechariah

Narrator 1: One sunny day, Mary decided to walk out into the hill country to visit her cousin, Elizabeth.

Mary: A long walk will do me good. So much is changing in my life these days! I just want to spend some time with my cousin, Elizabeth. She's always so comforting.

Narrator 2: Elizabeth was very old, but was expecting a baby. This was a surprise to many who knew her. For while Elizabeth and her husband, Zechariah, had always wanted children, it seemed like that would never happen.

Narrator 3: Mary had recently learned that she, too, would soon have a baby. What Elizabeth did not know, however, was that Mary's child was God's own son!

Elizabeth: Zechariah, I see someone coming down the road. Were you expecting a visitor today?

Zechariah: (*Shakes his head back and forth.*)

Elizabeth: Oh, that's right; I keep forgetting that you can't talk. Well, it doesn't look like one of the priests from the temple. ... No, it's not one of them. ... Actually, I think it might be my young cousin, Mary!

Mary: Elizabeth! Zechariah! Hello!

Narrator 4: As soon as Elizabeth's baby heard Mary's voice, he started to leap in her womb.

Narrator 5: Elizabeth herself became filled with the Holy Spirit and looked at Mary in wonder. Suddenly, she knew Mary's news, and was filled with excitement.

Elizabeth: Blessed are you among women, Mary! And blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Mary: But how did you know?

Elizabeth: When you greeted me, my own baby jumped inside me with joy. Even he seemed to know that you are the mother of the Messiah!

Narrator 6: Mary was amazed by all that was happening. Suddenly, she smiled and began praising God.

Mary: My soul magnifies the Lord, and I praise God, my Savior! He has looked on me, and seen that I am neither rich nor famous. Yet he has chosen me to bear his child, nonetheless! From now on all generations will call me blessed.

Zechariah: (*Nods his head and smiles.*)

Mary: God is mighty and has done great things for me. Holy is his name.

Elizabeth: Holy is his name. God is good!

Mary: He has mercy on those who love and fear him in every generation.

Narrator 7: Filled with joy and gratitude, Mary continued to praise God.

Mary: God is strong and wonderful! He has brought down the proud from their thrones and lifted up those who are humble. God has filled the hungry with good things, but those who are rich and have not shared have been sent away, empty. God has helped Israel, and has shown mercy, just as he promised to do so long ago. We can trust God with everything!

Elizabeth: Beautifully said, Mary. We have so much to be thankful for! God is good!

Narrator 8: Mary stayed at Elizabeth and Zechariah's home for about three months. After this, she went back home again and waited for her child to be born.