

People can praise  
God for Jesus.



### LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus was born.

### SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Luke 1:39-56

### BIBLE VERSE

Mary praised and thanked God.  
Luke 1:46

**SUGGESTED FOR THE WEEK OF**  
December 14



### BIBLE STORY

- » Mary went to see Elizabeth. Mary and Elizabeth were both going to have babies.
- » Elizabeth was happy to see Mary. Elizabeth knew that Mary's baby was special.
- » Mary was happy and praised God (said happy words to God).

### BIBLE WORDS 2

Elizabeth, Mary, God



## BIBLE PLAY & LEARN

### FILL AND DUMP BABY ITEMS

**Gather:** Pack Item 12: "Bible Words 1 & 2"; Bible, small plastic beach tote with handles, assorted small baby toys, board books, baby clothing items

**Do:** Separate today's Bible Words and place them in the Bible. Put all items in the tote.

- Encourage the babies to explore the items in the tote. Let the babies play with the items or enjoy dumping and filling the tote.
- Mention that sometimes we pack toys, books, and other things when we go to visit someone.
- Show Teaching Picture 2 and remark: "The Bible tells us that Mary went to see her relative, Elizabeth. Elizabeth was going to have a baby, too. I'm sure they were happy to talk to one another. Mary praised and thanked God. Luke 1:46."

### PUSH TOY VEHICLES

**Gather:** Bible, assorted toy vehicles, wide and colorful painter's tape, scissors

**Do:** Put the tape on the floor to make roads.

- Invite the babies to choose toy vehicles to push on the floor. Push a vehicle on one of the taped roads, inviting the babies to do the same.
- Make vehicle sounds like "vroom, vroom" or "beep, beep" as the babies play with the vehicles.
- Say: "You probably rode in a car or truck to church this morning. In our Bible story, Mary went to see Elizabeth, but she probably walked or rode on a donkey."
- Open the Bible. Tell the Bible story.
- Thank God for Jesus.

### DISCOVER SURPRISES

**Gather:** Pack Items 19, 20: "Jesus Picture Cube," "Book: A Special Baby"; Bible, small toy animal, small vinyl ball, gift box with lid, tissue paper, scissors, tape, scrap paper

**Do:** Follow the instructions to make the cube. Place the book, picture cube, toy animal, and ball in a gift box. Cover each item with tissue paper.

- Help a baby remove the lid and tissue paper to discover surprises.
- Look with the babies at items in the box. Offer to roll the ball on the floor with a baby. Let another child hold the toy animal or look at the book.
- Guide a baby to drop or toss the picture cube. Look at picture that lands faceup and talk about the Bible story.
- Remark: "Mary and Elizabeth were happy that God was sending Jesus. We can thank God for Jesus, too."

### ROLL A PICTURE

**Gather:** Pack Items 2, 11: "Teaching Pictures 1 & 2," "Bible Verses"; Bible, round oatmeal or cardboard canister, tape, clear contact plastic, scissors

**Do:** Cut apart the teaching pictures. Tape Teaching Picture 2 around the container. Cover the container with clear plastic. Separate today's Bible Verse and put it in the Bible.

- Sit on the floor across from a baby. Roll the container to the baby. Encourage the baby to roll container back to you.
- Point to the teaching picture. Say: "Mary and Elizabeth were happy."
- Help a baby open the Bible to the verse strip. Read aloud: "Mary praised and thanked God. Luke 1:46. People can praise God for Jesus."