



## Lesson Focus

After Mary was told she would be the mother of Jesus, she visited her cousin Elizabeth, who was pregnant with John the Baptist. They both rejoiced upon her greeting, and Mary returned praise to the Lord. An angel visited Joseph in a dream, instructing him to take Mary as his wife, though she was with child, for the child was of the Holy Spirit. Jesus' parents were righteous and faithful, and they were obedient to God's instructions.

## Key Passages

**Grades 2-3:** Luke 1:41-49; Matthew 1:18-23

**Grades 4–5:** Luke 1:41–55; Matthew 1:18–23

## What You Heard in the Word

- ▶ The Holy Spirit revealed to Elizabeth that Mary would be the mother of the Savior, and Elizabeth's baby, John, leaped for joy when Mary came to visit.
- God sent an angel to prepare Joseph to be the earthly father of Jesus, and Joseph responded with obedience to fulfill God's plan.

