

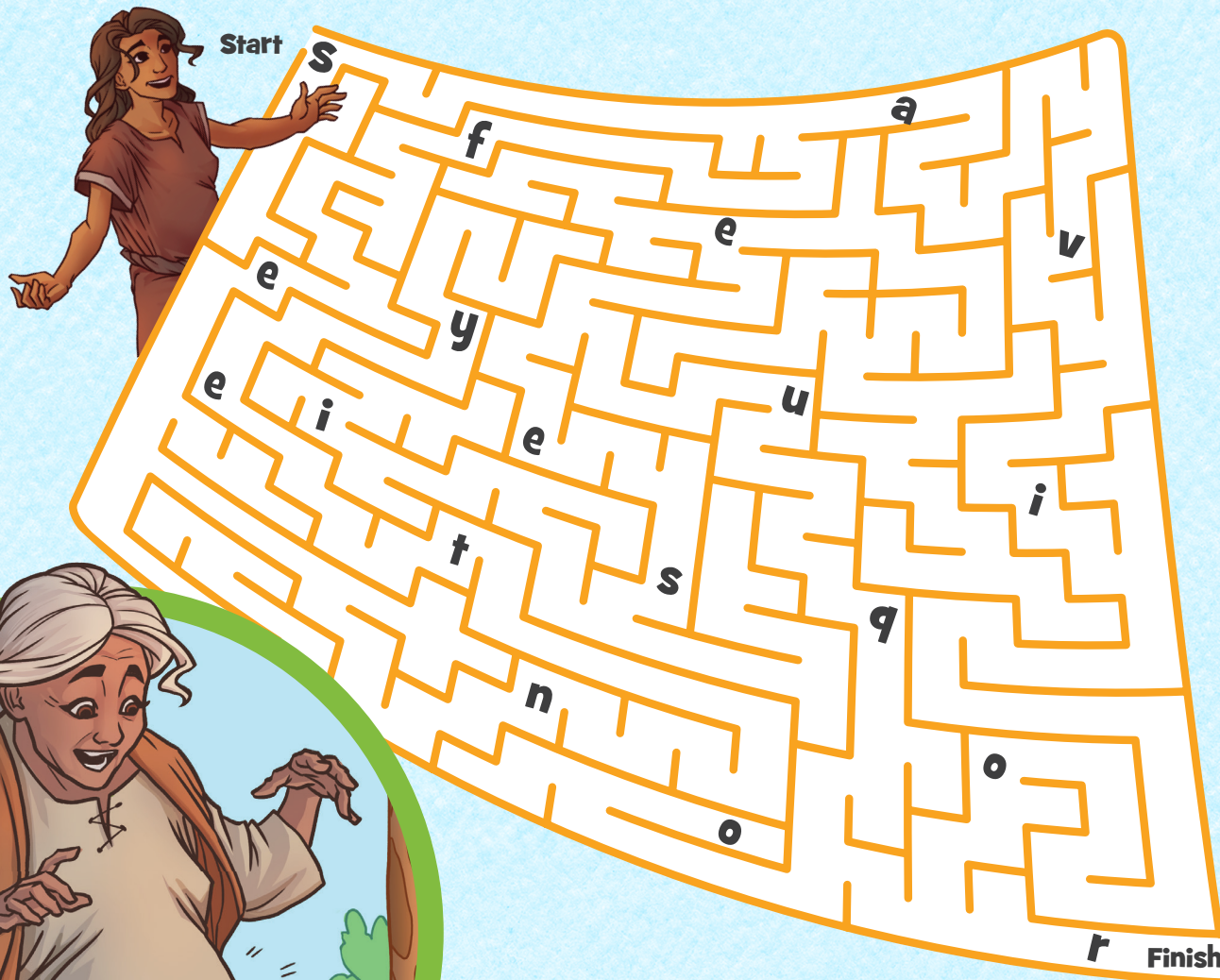


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# Jesus' Parents

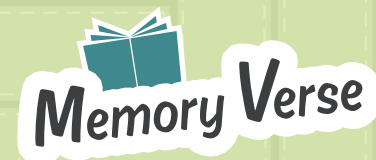
Luke 1:41–55; Matthew 1:18–23

Help Mary find her way from Nazareth to visit her cousin Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist. Pick up letters along the correct path and place them in the blanks to answer the question below.



The Holy Spirit revealed to Elizabeth that Mary would be the mother of whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Name



How well do you know the memory verse? Use the word list to fill in the blanks then try saying the verse by memory.

CALL, CONCEIVE, IMMANUEL, LORD, SIGN, SON, VIRGIN

Therefore the \_\_\_\_\_ himself will give you a \_\_\_\_\_. Behold, the \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ and bear a \_\_\_\_\_, and shall \_\_\_\_\_ his name \_\_\_\_\_.

Isaiah 7:14



## **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 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.

## **OutWord** *For Family Discussion*

What if your friend said that she prays to Mary when she really needs help? **What could you say?**

*That's great that you pray when you're in need of help. Mary is a great example of obedience and humility. But Mary recognized that she, herself, needed the Savior, Jesus, to save her from her sins. She said this in her song of praise to God. Jesus is the only sinless sacrifice and the one who died to save us from our sins. Mary didn't do that. That's why the Bible says Jesus is the only way to God. If you need help, you should pray to the Son of God, Jesus. He is near to those who repent of their sins and trust in him.*



## **HomeWord** *For Parents*

Luke records Mary's reaction to the news that she would give birth to Jesus, and Matthew records Joseph's reaction. Mary, after humbly submitting to God's plan, went to visit her cousin Elizabeth (Luke 1:39–45). Elizabeth was already six-months pregnant with John, who was chosen and set apart to be the forerunner of Jesus. He was to prepare the way of the Lord (Luke 1:17). When Mary greeted Elizabeth, the boy leaped within her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:41). Elizabeth clearly understood the magnitude of what was happening, calling Mary and her son blessed. She also referred to Mary as the "mother of my Lord" (Luke 1:43), understanding that the child would be the Messiah, whom her son would serve.

Mary immediately responded with a song of praise to God (Luke 1:46–55). Despite being called favored by the angel (Luke 1:28) and blessed by Elizabeth (Luke 1:42), Mary viewed herself as a humble servant of God (Luke 1:48). Her song begins by placing the focus on the Lord; her purpose is to magnify him. She calls God holy, celebrates his mighty works, and praises his mercy, strength, sovereignty, provision, kindness, and faithfulness.

Matthew records Joseph's reaction. He was a righteous man, so when he found out Mary was pregnant, he decided to divorce her privately because he didn't want to shame her (Matthew 1:18–25). But the angel explained to him in a dream that Mary's child was conceived by the Holy Spirit and would be Jesus, the Savior. When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel commanded and took Mary to be his wife and raised Jesus as his son.

The first few chapters of Matthew and Luke are filled with details of how all the pieces had to fall into place to fulfill God's plan. Jesus had to be the descendant of Adam (human), a son of Abraham (Jewish), and from the line of David (royal). His forerunner had to prepare his way, and many prophecies had to be fulfilled in his birth. In his infinite wisdom, God chose to send his Son into the care of Mary and Joseph. May we praise him, as Mary did, for his mighty works and faithful promises.

