

MAKE ROOM

I CAN KNOW GOD THROUGH HIS PEOPLE

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ASK IT: Who is someone who helps you learn about God? What have you learned from that person?
When we think about Christmas, we often picture shepherds, angels, and Baby Jesus lying in a manger. But before Jesus was born, God was already working through people who trusted Him. Mary and Elizabeth help us see how we can know God through His people.

READ IT: Open your Bibles and read or summarize Luke 1:26–56.

TALK ABOUT IT: God sent the angel Gabriel to Mary with surprising news: she would have a baby named Jesus! He would be God's Son, the promised King whose kingdom would never end. Mary didn't understand how this would happen, but she trusted God and was willing to follow His plan. Her response helps us see that God is worthy of our trust, even when we have questions.
Soon afterward, Mary visited her relative Elizabeth, who was also expecting a baby. Filled with the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth joyfully recognized Mary as the mother of her Lord. She encouraged Mary and celebrated her faith in God's promises. Through Elizabeth's words, Mary received encouragement as she prepared for what God had called her to do.
Mary responded with a song of praise. She celebrated God's power, mercy, and faithfulness. She remembered how God cared for His people and kept His promises.
Mary and Elizabeth help us know God through their trust, encouragement, and praise. God also places people in our lives who help us know Him—family members, church leaders, teachers, and friends who follow Jesus. As they share God's Word and show His love, we can learn more about who He is.



DO IT: Talk about your family's Christmas traditions. Which ones help you celebrate Jesus? How do they help you learn about Him and share His love?
Then start a new tradition together! You could read the Christmas story, sing a song about Jesus, make cards that share His love, or serve someone as a family. Let everyone help choose and plan your new tradition.
As you celebrate, talk about how your family can help one another know God. Just as Mary and Elizabeth encouraged each other, you can encourage one another to trust God, praise Him, and remember that Jesus is the reason you celebrate Christmas!