

READ IT

This week's Bible story is **Mary Visits Elizabeth**

from Luke 1:39-58

God gave us Jesus as a gift!

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Mary
- Elizabeth
- Mary's song
- Elizabeth's baby

Mary's song in this story is called the "Magnificat." It talks about how Jesus will turn the world upside-down, bringing peace, justice and prosperity for all people.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 202-207

Spark Bible pages 1128-1129

Family Prayer

Thank you, God, for the gift of Jesus. As we celebrate His birth, give us the gift of amazement as we see all that you are doing in our world. AMEN.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1** Parents: start a story like this: "I remember when we found out you would be our child..."
- 2** What kinds of good news have you shared with people you love?
- 3** Can you think of amazing things God still does for God's creation today?
- 4** Mary's song is a prayer. As a family, try to write a prayer—a vision—for what God wants the world to be.



Eye Spark

When you see a baby wiggle, remember how Elizabeth's baby wiggled inside of her when Elizabeth heard Mary's voice.



Ear Spark

Listen for songs that talk about what God is doing in the world. Remember the song that Mary sang.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Jesus was born to a very poor couple. During this season in which you're getting ready to celebrate Jesus' birth, take time to remember babies born in poverty today. Gather some baby supplies for your community's crisis nursery or foodshelf as a special Christmas gift from your family.

For younger kids

Do you know someone who has recently had a baby? Make a card and say a prayer for this family.

For older kids

Research different ways that people around the world celebrate Jesus' birth. What Christmas traditions can you find? How many of them have a service component to them?



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The sound of Mary's voice even made the baby inside Elizabeth wiggle and squirm for joy!

Share the Good News!

What good news do you have to share? Write it on the lines below, and draw a picture to illustrate it!



Magni-Find the Words

Use the letters from the words, "My soul magnifies the Lord" to see how many other words you can create.

My soul magnifies the Lord!



Funky Fingerprints

Each person has their very own set of fingerprints.

No two people, not even twins, have the same ones.

Fingerprints are made from tiny ridges underneath the skin, which form when a baby is still in the womb.

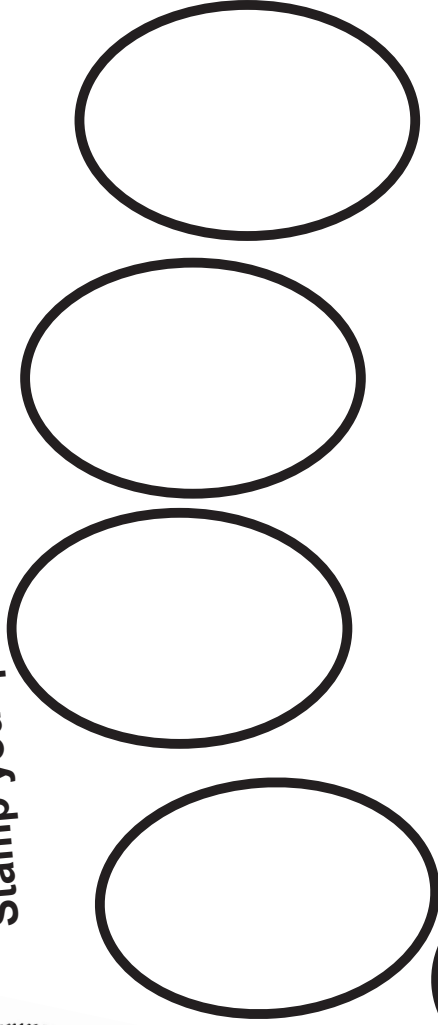
Humans aren't the only ones with fingerprints—all primates and some other mammals (like the koala bear) also have them.

The tiny grooves on the skin of the hands and feet make it easier to grip things. We humans use fingerprints mostly for ID-ing people.



What else is unique about you?

What do your fingerprints look like?
Stamp your prints here:



Do you notice similarities in your fingerprints?

Do you notice similarities in your friends' fingerprints?

What do your friends' fingerprints look like?
Ask your friends to stamp their prints here:

