

ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Faith Quest

King's Theatre: Mary and Elizabeth

At A Glance

Children will form dyads and imagine the conversation between Elizabeth and Zechariah, Mary and Joseph, Elizabeth and Mary.

Objectives

- 1) Children will recreate actual conversations from the Bible stories in Luke 1 including: Zechariah and the angel, Mary and the angel, Mary and Elizabeth.
- 2) Children will imagine conversations that are not part of scripture: Zechariah trying to explain things to Elizabeth, Mary's conversation with Joseph, Elizabeth explaining things to Mary's mother.
- 3) Children can assign names to thoughts & feelings probably held by the people in the Bible.

Supplies

Bibles – the passage is Luke 1:5 - 66

Modern and period costumes

Memory verse: Luke 1:37 "For nothing is impossible with God."

Leader & Shepherd Preparation

Be very familiar with the scripture passages.

Be prepared to coach nervous children, especially in younger grades.

Opening: Pray first! Practice the memory verse.

Warm up your ability to ad-lib with some of the following exercises (or make some up). Keep ad-libs to two minutes. Be sure to loudly applaud each effort.

- 1) Mother and Father. Something very important happened today that Mother needs to tell Father, but she can't talk because she has laryngitis.
- 2) Student and teacher. A student who usually gets poor grade gets a perfect score on a test and the teacher thinks s/he cheated.
- 3) Two friends. A child who always goes to Sunday School is trying to convince a friend who doesn't believe in God that God is real.

Lesson:

Now, ad lib from the Bible. For each story you will reenact (more or less) what is actually written, and then imagine a conversation that isn't talked about in the scripture. Keep ad libs to 2-3 minutes. Be sure to loudly applaud each effort.

Read or tell the story of Luke 1:5-25

Reenact: Zechariah's conversation with the angel

Imagine: Zechariah, who can't speak, trying to explain what is happening to Elizabeth, who can't read.

Read or tell the story of Luke 1:26-38

Reenact: Mary's conversation with the angel.

Imagine: What Mary would say to Joseph, and Joseph's initial reaction.

Read or tell the story of Luke 1:39-56

Reenact: Mary's visit with Elizabeth

Imagine: Elizabeth trying to explain what is happening to Mary's mother.

Life Application

Did any of the opening stories (cheating, laryngitis, trying to explain) remind you of any of the Bible situations? Explain.

How do you imagine each of these people felt? Zechariah, Elizabeth, Mary, angel, Joseph

Who do you think you are most like? Why?

Journal: Choose a person from the Bible stories and write a “dear diary” page for them.

Close with prayer. Have the children say one thankful thing about Mary or any other character from today’s lesson.

Some help...

For younger children stick with one situation and repeat it many times. Also, it is better to use “let’s pretend” language rather than “acting” language. Kids love make believe and once they lose their nervousness will create wonderful dialogues. You could also give them puppets to tell their story rather than asking them to stand up and act. Be sure to applaud their imagination, which will probably stray off the Biblical story line.

If you have extra time...

You can do a dyad more than once.

If time runs short...

Focus on doing the actual and imagined conversation from one set rather than rushing through only the actual conversations of all three.