



**Sunday Activity
Pages**

December 19, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Advent

1

Gospel

Gospel – Adapted from Luke 1:39-45

Mary quickly traveled to the hill country, where she entered Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and said in a loud voice, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. How does this happen to me, the mother of my Lord coming to me? The moment I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. You are very blessed because you believed that what the Lord told you would come true."

2

Reflection

Today, with Christmas only a few days away, we focus again on Mary. As Catholics, sometimes people accuse us of giving Mary too much honor. But how is that possible? Look how much honor Mary is given in the Gospel by her cousin Elizabeth. And, as the Scripture tells us, it was the Holy Spirit who inspired her to do it. Why is Elizabeth so excited to see Mary? Mary is doing what she always does – she is bringing her Son to people. That is what Mary does so perfectly; that is why she deserves honor. Never be afraid to honor Mary, our mother. And let her do the only thing she wants to do – bring us closer to Jesus.

3

Discussion Questions

Why does Elizabeth show Mary, her younger cousin, so much honor?

How can we allow Mary to bring Jesus more fully into our lives?

4

Vocabulary

- **Elizabeth** – Mary’s much older relative, whom God blessed with a son in her old age.
- **John the Baptist** – The great prophet is the son of Sts. Elizabeth and Zechariah, who leaped for joy in the womb of his mother at the sound of Mary’s greeting.
- **Magnificat** – Not heard in today’s reading, Mary responded to Elizabeth’s greeting with a beautiful prayer of praise called the Magnificat.
- **Visitation** – The event described in today’s Gospel reading is known as the Visitation; it is the second Joyful Mystery of the Rosary.

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Fill in the Blank

- 1) _____ leaped for joy in his mother’s womb.
- 2) The _____ occurred when Mary went to the hill country to see her cousin Elizabeth.
- 3) _____ was filled with the Holy Spirit when she honored Mary.
- 4) The _____ is a beautiful prayer of praise that Mary made to God.

- 1) Whom did Mary go to visit?
 - A) Her mother
 - B) Joseph
 - C) Some shepherds
 - D) Elizabeth

- 2) What did the baby in Elizabeth's womb do, when she heard Mary's greeting?
 - A) Leaped in her womb
 - B) Went to sleep
 - C) Kicked
 - D) Was born

- 3) Elizabeth was filled with _____ when she honored Mary.
 - A) Sadness
 - B) Confusion
 - C) The Holy Spirit
 - D) Lunch

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ELIZABETH
 HOLY SPIRIT
 JOHN
 MAGNIFICAT
 MARY
 VISITATION





Fill in the Blank

- 1) John the Baptist
- 2) Visitation
- 3) Elizabeth
- 4) Magnificat

Quiz:

- 1) D – Elizabeth
- 2) A – Leaped in her womb
- 3) C – The Holy Spirit