

“MARY AND ELIZABETH”

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Synopsis:

The virgin Mary goes to visit Elizabeth and they proclaim the joy of their pregnancy through a beautiful musical duet.

Scripture: Luke 1:39-45

Ministry Focus:

Christmas

Ministry Lesson:

Pregnancies today may not be as miraculous as Mary's and Elizabeth's; however, all pregnancies are gifts from God. Everyone should feel as happy and blessed as Mary and Elizabeth about the pending birth of new life.

Although this is generally considered a Christmas story, the lesson from this presentation is applicable any time of the year.

Cast:

Elizabeth (older, via age or make-up)
Mary (younger)
Narrator (any age)

Costume:

Both women should wear biblical attire

Time:

5 minutes

MARY AND ELIZABETH

NARRATOR

(Speaking to the audience) Many years ago the angel Gabriel told a young girl, named Mary, that she was blessed and would give birth to God's son, Jesus. Of course Mary did not fully understand because she was a virgin, but she believed what the angel said. However, that was not the only news Gabriel shared with Mary. He also told her that God will bless her relative Elizabeth with a child, who will be named John. And although Elizabeth is very old, she is already in the 6th month of her pregnancy. After hearing the news about Elizabeth, Mary hurries to visit her; and the two women share the joy of their blessing with one another.

INT. ELIZABETH'S HOME

ELIZABETH ENTERS THE STAGE. SHE IS "SEVERELY" PREGNANT. SHE STRUGGLES TO WALK WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A STAFF (CANE).

ELIZABETH

Lord, I didn't know being pregnant was so difficult. (Rubbing) Oh, my back hurts. (Rubbing) My legs hurt. (Touching cheek) Even my teeth hurt!

ELIZABETH (CONT'D)

(Looking down at her stomach) You're going to be an "Only" child; 'cause I'm not praying for anymore!

ELIZABETH WALKS OVER THE A CHAIR (CENTER STAGE) AND STRUGGLES TO BEND OVER AND SIT. SHE LET'S OUT A SIGH OF RELIEF.

Whew! (Talking to baby) But I thank God for blessing me with you.

SOUND EFFECT: DOOR KNOCKING

Oh, someone is at the door. (Shouts toward the door) One minute! I'm coming. I'm coming.

ELIZABETH STRUGGLES TO GET UP FROM THE CHAIR. SHE TWISTS AND TURN BUT THE WEIGHT OF THE BABY IS WINNING THE BATTLE. ALL THE WHILE SHE KEEPS REPEATING "I'M COMING".

EVENTUALLY SHE GIVES UP!

(Shouts toward the door) Oh, just come on in!

MARY ENTERS

MARY

Greetings Elizabeth!

ELIZABETH

(Straining to see) Who is that?

MARY

It's me, Mary.

ELIZABETH

Mary, is that you!? Oh my goodness.

ELIZABETH ATTEMPTS TO GET UP AGAIN, TWISTING AND TURNING, BUT FAILS.

MARY

Elizabeth, let me help you.

MARY HELPS ELIZABETH TO HER FEET. ELIZABETH FINALLY STANDS

ELIZABETH

Oh Mary, I'm so happy to see you.

MARY

When I learned you were having a baby I
couldn't wait to come see you.

ELIZABETH

Can you believe it? God has bless me
and answered my prayers at my age. It's
a miracle!

MARY

I have great news also. An angel of the
Lord visited me. I too am blessed to be
with child. He said this child will be
holy and righteous; the son of God. His
name will be Jesus

Song Prelude Begin

ELIZABETH

Mary, you are pregnant too!?! (Elizabeth
stomach jumps) Oh my! My baby just
leaped inside of me.

THEY LAUGH WITH JOY AND HUG.

Oh Mary you too are blessed because you
believed what the Lord said.

- End of Script/Preview -

The song lyrics and music track is provided in the full version
of this sketch.
