

Adventures with GOD!

ELIZABETH SERVED GOD (A.3.FALL.2)

Biblical Reference	Luke 1:39-45
Key Verse	Luke 1:47
Key Concept	I can serve God by helping others.
Educational Objectives	At the end of the class today, the children will be able to: 1 Explain who Elizabeth was. 2 Explain what happened to Elizabeth when she saw Mary. 3 Say the name of the son of Elizabeth.

Life Application

People want to serve God - do it with joy. Elizabeth was the cousin of Mary. She loved God very much and wanted to serve Him. In the first months of Mary's pregnancy, Elizabeth served God by helping her cousin. Mary and Elizabeth confirmed the truth of God in their lives. Through the life of Elizabeth, the children learn that God can use us in different ways if we are ready and willing to serve.

Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
Opening Prayer	Candle	1 minute
Introduction	See instructions	10 minutes
Bible Exploration	Bible	10 minutes
Craft	Illustration, crayons	10 minutes
Conclusion	See instructions	10 minutes
Closing Prayer	Candle	1 minute

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INSTRUCTIONS

Opening Prayer

Gather children around a candle and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them palms up as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today. Light the candle

Prayer: God we light this candle remembering: you made light, you made us, and you are with us now. Amen (For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer)

Introduction: Place one or two suitcases by the door (may be empty). The goal is that when children arrive; they see bags at the door. Surely they will ask: What are the bags for? Who are the bags for? Ask children: Where would they want to go?

Bible Exploration: Share the story of a pregnant woman who made a trip to visit her cousin. Ask the children if they know their cousins? Talk about their families for a few minutes. Continue telling the story of Mary's cousin Elizabeth who lived in another city. Explain how she prepared her bags in preparation of the trip. Elizabeth had mount on a donkey or camel to visit Mary. Explain to the children that there were no cars, planes, or trains at that period in time. Elizabeth blessed Mary by saying: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb." Mary was very happy and felt great joy. Mary set a date to visit her cousin in three months. Elizabeth helped and taught Mary many things. She served God whole heartedly.

Craft: Attached Illustration pregnant Mary. Children can color this picture and take home to tell their parents and relatives about the experience of Elizabeth.

Conclusion: It is important that children understand that God can use us for His service and for His purposes. He used his servant Elizabeth to assist Mary, the mother of Jesus. God used Elizabeth to be support for the mother of the Savior of the world. We must be ready to be used by God at the time and place that He sees fit. No matter our age. The Bible tells stories of children who were used by God to bless others.

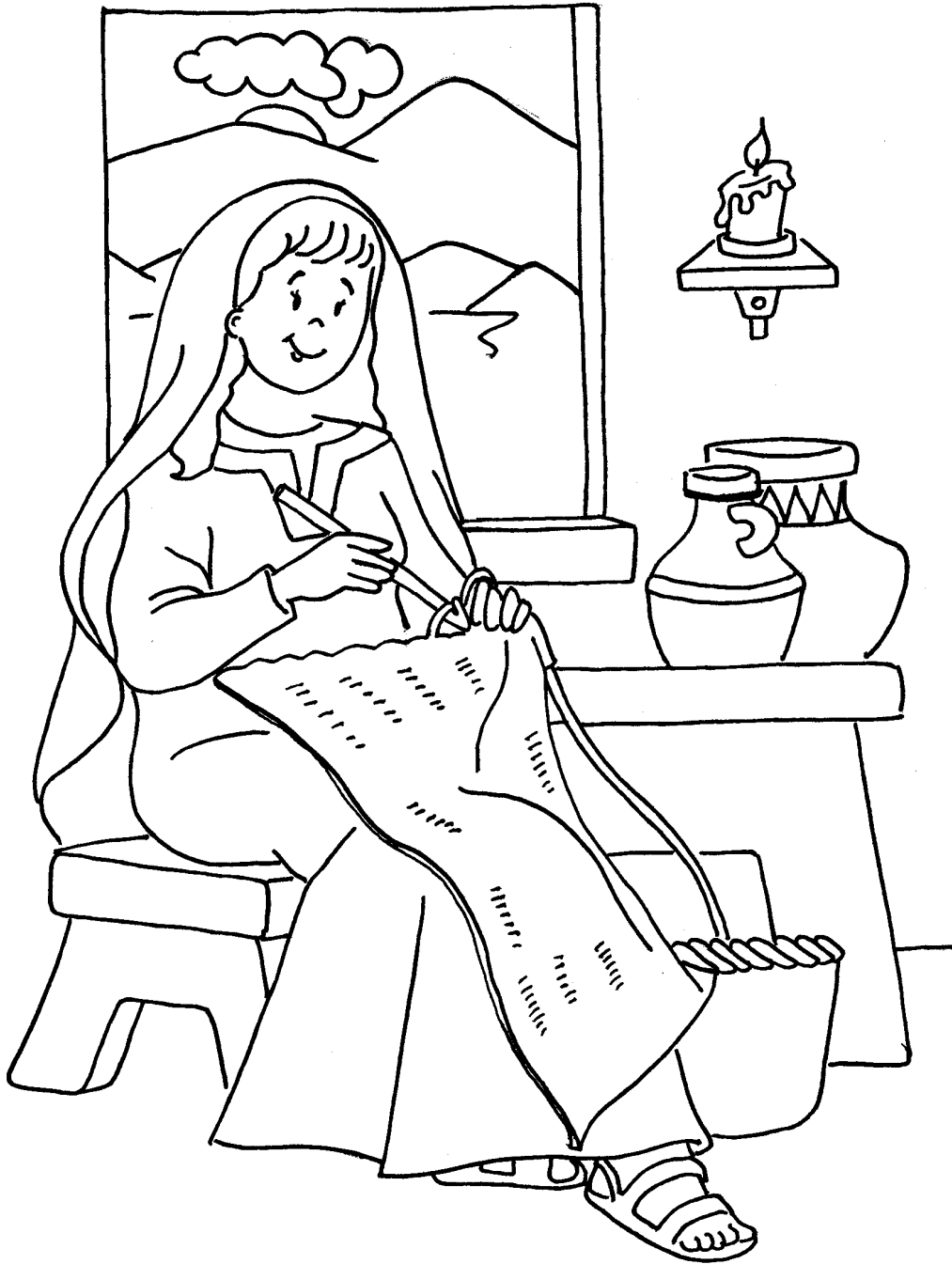
Closing Prayer

Gather children around the candle again. Light the candle

Prayer: Thank you God for making us, Thank you God for making the world. Amen

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Illustration
Pregnant Mary



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Illustration

Elizabeth and Mary pregnant

