

# SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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LUKE 1:39-45



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This week we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent! In today's Gospel, Mary who is pregnant with Jesus travels in haste to see and help her cousin Elizabeth who has conceived a baby, John the Baptist. In her old age Elizabeth's pregnancy is a miracle! Mary perhaps also knew in her heart that Elizabeth would understand all that was happening!

Sure enough, when Elizabeth sees Mary, her own baby leaps for joy inside of her and Elizabeth knows that Mary is carrying the Messiah! Elizabeth cries out, "Blessed are you among women, and Blessed is the fruit of your womb!"

### FOR MORE FUN

- ★ Is there a person in your family life or neighborhood you could visit or reach out to as Mary does in this Gospel? Mary shows us by her example the importance of reaching out to others in good and bad times to share our news! Give the gift of your "presence" this Advent to a person in your life!
- ★ On the next page you'll find the Fourth Joyful Mystery, The Presentation, Luke 2:22-35. Announce the Mystery and pray one decade of the Rosary. Praying the Rosary is a wonderful gift to Jesus and Mary this Christmas season!



The Fourth Joyful Mystery, *The Presentation*, Luke 2:22-35



Simeon took Jesus into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."