

Time in Between

Advent 4 Luke 1: 39-55

Cast: Mary (M), Elizabeth (E), children

Props: women and children may be dressed in simple, light-colored clothing

Production notes: move playfully from one “game” to another. While rehearsal is essential, full choreography is not. The children may take their cues from the adults.

(action should begin on platform if possible)

Child #1: There was time between them. *(take Mary’s hand)*

Child #2: Time and distance. *(take Elizabeth’s hand)*

M: So in those days, Mary set out to make the distance shorter.

(Child #1 ushers Mary to Elizabeth and Child #2. Mary and Elizabeth embrace.)

Children – Ring around a rosie-style, circling around Mary and Elizabeth.

All children hop up on “jumped”)

RING-AROUND-A-ROSIE

Children: Mary went on a journey
over hills and countryside.
When she said hello to Elizabeth
her baby JUMPED inside!

(Elizabeth joins the circle)

E: Blessed are you among women! *(joined hands raised up, one step toward Mary)*

And blessed is the baby within you. *(joined hands lowered, one step back from Mary)*

(repeat several times with children)

DUCK DUCK GOOSE

Child #3: Why has this happened?

(Elizabeth assists children to sit in a circle around Mary who stands)

E: Good question! Why has Mary, mother of my Lord, come to see me?

(around the circle, patting each head in a chant ... “Blessed is she, blessed is she ...” on the last child’s head “Blessed is she who believes!”)

PROCESSION

M: I do believe. *(all children stand, quickly form a train, Mary as leader, begin walking slowly and playfully)* My soul shines with God! My spirit has found joy in God! For heaven above has smiled down on me down below. I believe that from now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me and holy is God’s name.

(procession stops on platform if possible, Mary turns to face children)

M: From generation to generation to generation ... *(one pat per head down the line)*
Heaven's mercy is for those who love God. Follow my actions and see what God has done:

FOLLOW THE LEADER

M: God has shown strength! *(bicep demonstration)*
And scattered the proud! *(spinning with open arms)*
God has brought down the powerful from their thrones.
(descend purposefully from the platform)
And lifted up the lowly! *(ascend the stairs with joy, hands upraised)*
God has blessed the hungry with feeling full. *(palms up)*
And blessed the rich with feeling empty. *(palms down)*

CALL AND RESPONSE

M: This is the promise for us in 2003. We are a generation of God's promise.

E: God has helped our ancestors according to the same promise.

Do you believe God's word today?

Children/Mary: We do!

E: Do you remember God's love?

Children/Mary: We do!

E: Then let us walk in the steps of Mary.

EXIT WITH "JUMPING" POEM

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