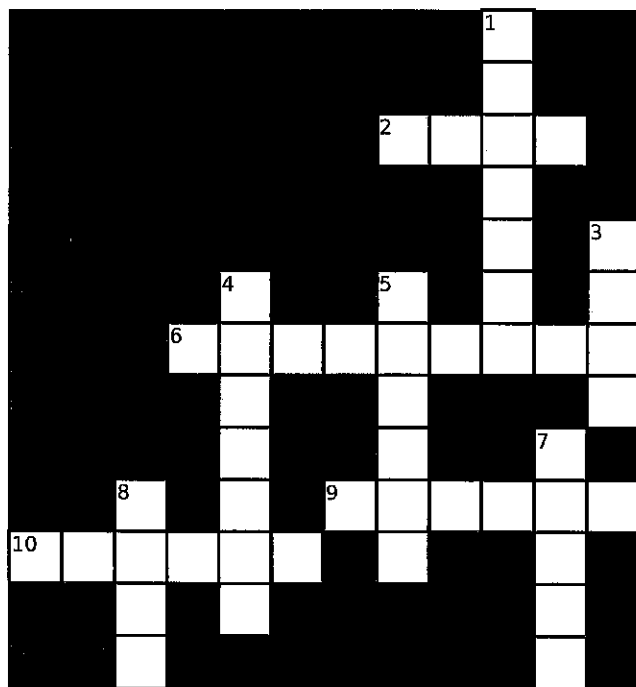


## CROSSWORD



### Across

- 2 We hear about Elizabeth and Zechariah in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Luke.  
6 \_\_\_\_\_ was married to Zechariah.  
9 Mary was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Savior.  
10 The baby in Elizabeth's womb \_\_\_\_\_ for joy.

### Down

- 1 Jesus was the fulfillment of God's \_\_\_\_\_.  
3 At the visitation, Elizabeth was pregnant with \_\_\_\_\_.  
4 Elizabeth said to Mary, "\_\_\_\_\_ are you among women."  
5 Even before he was born, John had joy in the presence of the \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus.  
7 At the visitation, Mary was pregnant with \_\_\_\_\_.  
8 \_\_\_\_\_ went to visit Elizabeth at her home in Judah.

# LESSONS FOR LAMBS

## THE VISITATION (JULY 2)

*The color for the Visitation is white.*



### What to listen for during the service?

Listen for the word "joy" in the service. When do we sing about joy? What gives us that joy? Who gives us that joy?

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## **Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39-45**

*(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)*

39 In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, 40 and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41 And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, 42 and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43 And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45 And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

### **Questions to talk about with your parents:**

- 1) Where did Mary go? Who did she visit?
- 2) What did the baby in Elizabeth's womb (the place the baby grows in her belly before he is born) do when Mary greeted Elizabeth? Why did he do this?
- 3) Who was the baby in Mary's womb?
- 4) What does "fulfillment" mean? Who is the "fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord"? What would Jesus do when He got older?
- 5) Why did Elizabeth say, "Blessed are you among women"?

### **People of the Bible: Elizabeth**

In today's Gospel Reading we hear about Mary visiting Elizabeth. But who was Elizabeth? Elizabeth was married to Zechariah and we hear in the beginning of Luke that she was barren, which means she was not able to have children. The angel Gabriel appeared to her husband, however, and told him that Elizabeth would have a son in her old age and they should name him John. In verse 36, just before this reading, we hear that Elizabeth was the "relative" of Mary. In today's reading Mary goes to visit Elizabeth while they were both pregnant. Elizabeth was pregnant with John and Mary was pregnant with Jesus. When Mary greeted Elizabeth, John "leaped in her womb." Even before he was born, John had joy in the presence of the Savior, Jesus. Elizabeth blessed

Mary and confessed that she was the mother of the Savior. They knew about God's promises from of old that God would send a Savior to save the people from their sins. They knew that Jesus was the fulfillment of that promise and that John would tell others about Jesus.

### **HYMN – "From East to West"**

- 1 From east to west, from shore to shore  
Let ev'ry heart awake and sing  
The holy child whom Mary bore,  
The Christ, the everlasting king.
- 2 Behold, the world's creator wears  
The form and fashion of a slave;  
Our very flesh our maker shares,  
His fallen creatures all to save.
- 3 For this how wondrously He wrought!  
A maiden, in her lowly place,  
Became, in ways beyond all thought,  
The chosen vessel of His grace.
- 4 And while the angels in the sky  
Sang praise above the silent field,  
To shepherds poor the Lord Most High,  
The one great Shepherd, was revealed.
- 5 All glory for this blessed morn  
To God the Father ever be;  
All praise to You, O Virgin-born,  
And Holy Ghost eternally.

### **Draw a picture of John leaping for joy in Elizabeth's womb**

