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Mary's Song, The Magnificat

After Mary learns that she will give birth to Jesus, she leaves home to visit Elizabeth, who has also been blessed with a child. While there, Mary sings a song praising God for all that he has done for her and the rest of the world. This important piece of poetry is found only in Luke's Gospel. It reminds us of Mary's perfect faithfulness and obedience to God's plan.

Although her song is unique to Luke's Gospel, much of the Magnificat follows the format of a song in the Old Testament called Hannah's Song. Hannah's Song is found in the second chapter of 1 Samuel. It is sung by Hannah, who, like Mary, is granted a child by the grace of God.



The following exercise will help you compare these two songs. The Magnificat is found in Luke 1:46–55, and Hannah's Song is found in 1 Samuel 2:1–10.

Compare The Magnificat and Hannah's Song

Write one line from the Magnificat and one line from Hannah's song that represent the themes listed below.

1. God helps the poor and needy.

Magnificat: _____

Hannah's Song: _____

2. God punishes the powerful.

Magnificat: _____

Hannah's Song: _____

3. God is holy.

Magnificat: _____

Hannah's Song: _____