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When Mary became pregnant she went to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Mary was a young woman with a surprising pregnancy. Elizabeth was an old woman with a surprising pregnancy. The two women greeted each other with joy.

Together these two women are bearing the fulfillment of centuries of longing. Together they confirm the truth that each has heard separately. And together they celebrate God's life-giving promise that is growing within.

We light this candle to share their joy.

Light the Second Candle

Prayer



**Loving God, give us the joy of Mary and Elizabeth.
Help us to let your joy leap within us; and to give thanks
for your faithfulness, May our hearts receive and magnify
your praise.
We ask this in the name of Jesus.
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