Pray together to enter the study
Read text aloud (2-3 verses per person)

FRAME *2 min to read aloud*

A combination eye-witness accounts of the life of Jesus, written by Luke.

Before this passage Mary had just learned that while a virgin, she had been made pregnant with Jesus.

Elizabeth, Mary's relative, is pregnant with John the Baptist, who eventually baptized Jesus.

OBSERVE

5 min to reflect alone, 5 min to all share

Imagine yourself in the story. What do you see, hear, and smell?

Look for repeated words, comparisons, contrasts, and cause and effect.

Note characters, relationships, locations, time, actions, and reactions.

INTERPRET

3 min to gather q's, 12 min to discuss

Develop some questions based on your observations. What stirs your curiosity?

Imagine the perspective of the people in the scene.

Answer your questions from the text and context.

SUMMARIZE & SPOTLIGHT

1 min to read the summary aloud

Mary goes to visit Elizabeth and celebrate the coming baby Jesus, and Mary sings a song in joy as she waits for the birth of Jesus.

3 min to individually write a main point
2 min for all to share, end with leader

WEEK 12: WAITING FOR JESUS

Luke 1:39 – 55 (NIV)

39 At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of
Judea, 40 where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When
Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth
was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are
you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! 43 But why am I so
favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 As soon as the
sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for
joy. 45 Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises
to her!"

46 And Mary said:

"My soul glorifies the Lord
47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
48 for he has been mindful
of the humble state of his servant.
From now on all generations will call me blessed,
49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me—
holy is his name.
50 His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.
51 He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.
52 He has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.
53 He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.
54 He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful
55 to Abraham and his descendants forever,
just as he promised our ancestors."

INVITATION

5 min for individual reflection, 5 min to share as a group

How are you feeling in your current context of busyness (hospital work, nursing school, etc.)? What can help you wait for the fulfillment of God's promises like Mary is? Write your application from the passage below:

CONCLUDE

5 min to pray for each other and your applications

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