

# Roly's First Christmas

Key Word: **Blessed**

Key Verse: ... and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." *Luke 1:42*

Roly the dachshund puppy was bewildered. Something called "Christmas" seemed to be arriving and the children were over-excited, which meant there were lots of quarrels.

Roly didn't know why they were so excited, but he felt a little uneasy and rather frightened, so he hid under the table whenever he heard raised voices.

One day, the family brought a tree into the house. Roly couldn't believe his eyes. It was even stranger when the family began to decorate the tree. They put a little angel on the top of the tree, and draped the tree with brightly colored lights and glass baubles and tiny ornaments and tinsel.

Later, packages and parcels of all shapes and sizes appeared at the foot of the tree. Roly sniffed and snuffled and explored with his nose, but was shouted at by the family. He retired under the table again.

After lunch on Christmas Day, the family began to open all the packages underneath the Christmas tree. Roly hid beneath the table until Alice placed one of the packages in front of him.

Roly began to tear at the colored paper with his teeth. Inside the package were some doggy chews, some doggy chocolate drops, a rubber toy which squeaked when he held it

with his teeth, and a huge rubber bone. Roly was so excited that he began to play all over the room with his rubber toy, while the family laughed and cheered him on.

When he was tired out, Roly lay down on the rug in front of the fire and Alice came and lay beside him. Roly snuggled up to Alice, who put her arm around him. Roly felt completely, ecstatically happy. He couldn't remember ever having been so happy before. And suddenly he realized what Christmas was all about.

It was all about love, the love he felt in this family even if they occasionally shouted at him. And especially the love he felt from Alice and the love he felt for Alice. And as he fell asleep at the end of his first Christmas Day, Roly knew that for a puppy like him, the most important thing in the whole world was love.

## Questions

**In the story, why was Roly so happy at the end of Christmas Day?**

**What did Roly discover was the most important thing in the whole world?**

Twisted Word Search

AND g4 | GOD o8 | IN p12 | MY q7 | MY b8 | REJOICES s3 | SAVIOR g9 | SPIRIT s11 |

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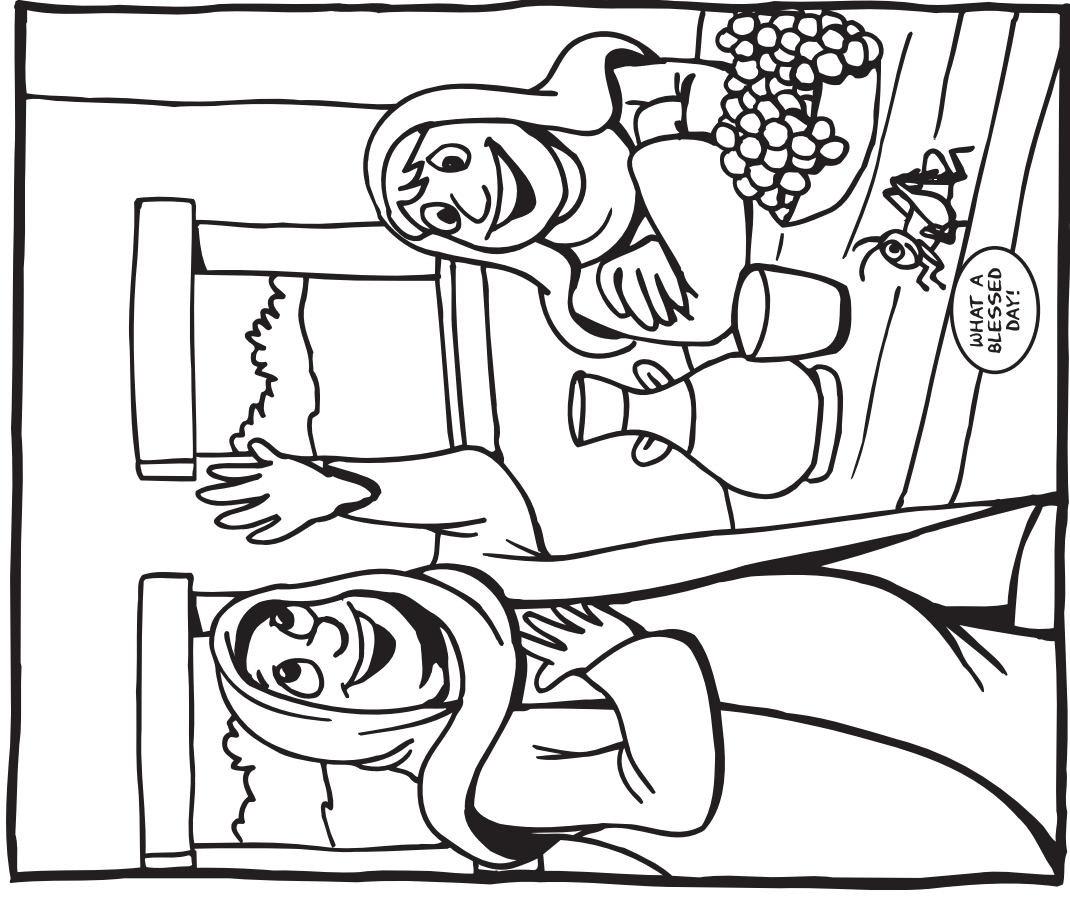
## Answers

Letter Tile Puzzle

My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Secret Message

For the Mighty One has done great things for me: and holy is his name.



# Gospel Grams



Today's Gospel Story  
 is from  
**Luke 1:39-55**

### Secret Message

Below is a verse from today's Gospel story, Luke 1:39-55. Each letter is substituted for another. The numbers tell how often each letter is used in the puzzle. Use the letter patterns and trial and error to help you figure out this puzzle. Two letters have been done for you.

A=4 B=0 C=0 D=2 E=6 F=2 G=3 H=6 I=4 J=0  
 K=0 L=1 M=3 N=5 O=5 P=0 Q=0 R=3 S=4 T=4  
 U=0 V=0 W=0 X=0 Y=2 Z=0 Total letter count = 54

KEC BWP ADTWBG ESP WQN MESP  
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 TCPQB BWDSTN KEC AP QSM WEIG DN  
 G --- G --- D ---  
 WDN SQAP  
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### Twisted Word Search

Find each of the words in the verse in the puzzle. If a word appears more than once, you must find it more than once. Remember, words in a twisted word search **DO NOT** always go in a straight line! One word has been done for you.

Luke 1:47

"... and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

S H Q K U X I P P N T A M U D J G I L B  
 V W W P R G S S R F B J E W C D I I F R  
 V S Q Y P E I N E T R D B K B C J O R H  
 X C O B B W A D G C S I L Y S E V E J C  
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 V A V H F I B Q Q K N W W C P P M D N H  
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 R P D G J O P B O K C S G M O I G Y P N  
 Y R H G H S K E X A H U I B S D R A I U  
 E D K Q T A A K X K H J C D S K U T R P  
 V V O I W G B K L O J J P W Y H D V I E

### Letter Tile Puzzle

Unscramble the tiles to reveal a message from today's Gospel story. Each tile has the same number of characters (letters, spaces, and punctuation). Spaces are shown as blanks on the letter tiles.

OR MY GO AVI RE D M JOI SPI  
 Y S IN CES RIT
