READ LUKE 1:46–49

Who is speaking these verses? ____________________________________________

Why is she thanking God? ________________________________________________

Can you imagine how Mary must have felt? An angel appeared to tell her she’s going to have a baby. And not just any baby—Jesus! Think she was scared? She could have said, “No way, God. Please pick someone else!,” but she chose to follow God’s special plan for her. And she honored God by these words, giving Him all the credit.

And guess what? You could speak these same words back to God. God has chosen you to do big things for Him. He has and will do great things for you if you choose to follow Him. You can honor God, just like Mary did, by giving Him the credit He deserves. Because every good and perfect thing comes from Him in the first place.

THANK God for all that He’s done for you because He deserves all the credit!

READ PROVERBS 15:33

Think about the last time something good happened to you. Maybe your team won the championship game. Maybe you aced your spelling test. Sometimes, we have backwards thinking and we believe that all the good things that happen are simply because of us. But a WISE person, a smart person, recognizes that all the good stuff comes from God. A wise person knows that everything you are and everything you have comes from Him. When you remember to say “thank you, God” instead of thinking that you should get all the credit, you honor God.

Speaking of backwards thinking, can you see what’s wrong with today’s verse? Write it out the RIGHT way.

33:15 sbrevORP "dronoh eb ot tnow uoy fi duorp eb t’nod oS .droL eht rof tcepsen evah ot uoy sehcaet modsIW"

ASK God to help you turn your thinking around so that it’s not about you but it’s really about Him.
Read Psalm 8:3-4

Have you ever tried to count the stars in the sky or the grains of sand on the beach? Impossible, right? Can you count the hairs on your head? Set a timer for 30 seconds and see how many hairs you can count. If your hair is short, grab a mirror to help you.

Are you a little frustrated right now? It’s IMPOSSIBLE to count the hairs on your head. But you know what? It’s not impossible for God. God knows how many stars are in the sky, (and what their names are by the way). He also knows how many hairs are on your head RIGHT now. And after you brush your hair and several come out, God STILL knows how many are on your head. That’s because He cares about you even MORE than He cares about the stars in the sky or the sand on the beach. God made you to be like Him, in His own image because He loves you. So when it comes to showing honor, we need to put God FIRST.

Know that God is worthy of all honor because He made you.

Read Revelation 4:11

Have you ever been to the mountains? Ever stared out at the ocean or stood in a forest covered by giant trees? Did you know that God created it all? Imagine the power and creativity involved in shaping those mountain peaks or filling that ocean with endless species of sea life or carefully clothing all those trees with so many beautiful fall leaves. God did that. It was all part of His plan. And because He made it all, God deserves ALL the credit.

Grab a piece of paper and draw something BIG that God has made—like the ocean, or the mountains, or the forest. Write this verse somewhere on the page.

Look at all that God has made and take time to praise Him for it all.