



Mary's song

AT A GLANCE


Bible

Luke 1:46–55


Topic

God's coming questions the balance of power


Takeaway

Advent as hope for the little ones



10–15 minutes



Object: a song sheet



Preparation: 10 min



indoors or by the fire



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic "God's coming questions the balance of power". Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

2 min

Opening

Ask: What is your favourite Advent song – and what is it actually about?

3 min

Bible text

Read Mary's song (the Magnificat), Luke 1:46–55. A young, insignificant woman sings: God brings down the mighty from their thrones and lifts up the lowly; he fills the hungry with good things.

5 min

Thought

The Magnificat is not a sweet nativity song. It announces a reversal: God's coming means justice for the little ones. So Advent is not only candles and biscuits, but hope for those who are hungry, fleeing or excluded today.

5 min

Conversation

For whom should our Advent mean hope this year?



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Prayer to read aloud

God, you lift up the lowly and fill the hungry. Do not let us sit comfortably through Advent, but make us part of your hope for others. Amen.



To think further

- How does Mary as the singer of this song fit your picture of her?
- What concrete project could your group start in Advent?



For leaders

- Leave room for doubts and critical questions – an honest conversation matters more than a quick answer.
- As a leader, feel free to share a personal experience.
- With heavy topics, keep an eye on who is struggling and be available afterwards.



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