

Youth



✓ **Prepare in Advance**

Facilitator: In advance of the session:

- Retrieve, review, and have ready the video's listed below (links are provided on this session's webpage).
- Review today's scripture text and the session activities to help better facilitate the discussion.
- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.

✓ **Reversals**

Play the Ever After clip, ending at 4:35. Use these questions to facilitate discussion.

- How were the outcomes reversed for the stepmother and the new queen? Do you think they got what they deserved? Why or why not?
- Is this typical of fairy tales and other movies? How?
- Does this type of thing happen in real life? Explain.
- Why does it seem that we live in a culture where the rich only get richer and the poor just get poorer? Which group do you want to be in? Why?
- How would you feel if those considered rich were made poor and vice versa?

✓ **Blessings**

Read Luke 1:39-55 out loud and watch the *Bible Background Video* for this session.

- What do you think Elizabeth's blessing meant to Mary? Why would Elizabeth's blessing be important to her?
- What is the main message of Mary's song? What did she said would change? What is going to happen to the rich, and to the poor? Why does God want these things to change?
- What does it mean that God would send his son into a world such as this?

✓ **Roles**

Play the Cinderella Man clip.

- Why doesn't God just do something to get rid of poverty? What do you think God does do?
- How did God use Elizabeth and Mary to bring God's Kingdom into this world? How would God use us to bring about God's Kingdom in this world?
- What does Christmas have to do with the way we treat each other in this world?

- What is your role in the Christmas story/ What happens when we only focus on receiving and gaining more for ourselves? How can we embody the love of God to others this Christmas?

Close in prayer.

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