



**Stitch**





**NANI**



# Ohana This is Family

**This family is messy, imperfect, and deeply human**

**They are the kind of family many of us can relate to:  
Little and broken, but still good.**

**Never Perfect but Always Present.**

**And that's why we're starting here today, on  
Mother's Day, with this idea: Family isn't  
always born, sometimes it's chosen**

**Sometimes God builds a family in  
ways no one saw coming**





**FAMILY  
BEGINS WITH  
A CHOICE**

**HAPPY**

***Mother's Day***



# MARY: GOD'S COURAGEOUS, CHOSEN YOUNG MOM



Most people know the Christmas story: the angels, the journey, the manger and the shepherds

But what many have read without ever really hearing is Mary's song found at the end of *Luke 1*

It is Mary's heart on display, her "YES!" to God

It is the song of a young woman who steps into a role she never expected, but embraces with faith, courage, and sacrificial love



# *Ohana* Mary Praises for God

***And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name.***

***Luke 1:46–49***



# **Ohana Mary Praises for God**

**Mary is praising God while her life is about to be turned upside down**

**Yet Mary chooses worship**

**She chooses faith**

**She chooses love**

**That's Motherhood**

**God honors that**

**Love is a choice, especially when it's uncomfortable**



# *Ohana* God Lifts Up the Lowly

***His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.***

***Luke 1:50–53***



# **Ohana God Lifts Up the Lowly**

**Mary sees a God who notices the unnoticed, who honors the humble and strengthens the overwhelmed**

**And yet her love elevates her**

**Her sacrifice becomes her strength**

**Her humility becomes her honor**

**Mary sings about a God who sees the lowly, and Nani represents the lowly who rise through love**



# **Ohana** God Lifts Up the Lowly

**God sees you too**

**Those of you carrying more than you can say**

**Those doing the quiet work nobody claps for**

**Those running from job to daycare to dinner to laundry**

**Those who feel like you're barely holding the family together**

**God sees the humble,  
and He lifts them up**





# Choosing to Live for the Bigger Story



*He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors.*

Mary ends her song by recognizing ***Luke 1:54–55***  
she is part of God's plan, something larger than herself

**She realizes: “This story isn’t  
just about me”**

**I am part of what God is  
doing in the world.**



# **Ohana** God Lifts Up the Lowly

**Her presence creates a home where healing can happen**

**It's living for something bigger than ourselves**

**It's building a legacy of love that outlives us**

**It's saying "YES!" to God even when the responsibility feels overwhelming**

**Your yes changes lives too**





# **Ohana Happy Mother's Day**

**Nani chose to love, even when it was heavy**

**Lilo chose to love, even when it was risky**

**Stitch chose to love, even when it was unfamiliar**

**Mary chose to love, even when it was costly**

**And God chooses to love us; first, fully,  
and faithfully**

**Family isn't defined by  
who shares your DNA**





# Ohana

*Means Family*

*And Family Means Nobody  
Gets Left Behind or Forgotten*