

Week of December 22 - He Will be Called the Son of the Most High Small Group Lesson

Connect

What is one gift you received as a child that you still remember fondly, and why?

Verses - Luke 1:26-45 (CSB)

26 In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee
called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a man named Joseph, of the house of
David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And the angel came to her and said,
"Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you." 29 But she was deeply
troubled by this statement, wondering what kind of greeting this could be. 30
Then the angel told her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with
God. 31 Now listen: You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name
him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and
the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. 33 He will reign over
the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will have no end." 34 Mary asked
the angel, "How can this be, since I have not had sexual relations with a man? "
35 The angel replied to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power
of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the holy one to be born will be
called the Son of God. 36 And consider your relative Elizabeth — even she has
conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was
called childless. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God." 38 "See, I am the
Lord's servant," said Mary. "May it happen to me as you have said." Then the
angel left her. 39 In those days Mary set out and hurried to a town in the hill
country of Judah 40 where she entered Zechariah's house and greeted
Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped inside her,
and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 Then she exclaimed with a loud
cry, "Blessed are you among women, and your child will be blessed! 43 How
could this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44
For you see, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped
for joy inside me. 45 Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill
what he has spoken to her! "

Study

1. What do these verses tell us about the identity of Jesus? (Guide them to see He is Savior, Son of God, Messiah King.)

2. In v.37, the angel says, "For nothing will be impossible with God." How does this statement impact your understanding of God's power and character?

3. What risks did Mary face by saying "yes" to God's plan? What does her response teach us about faith and obedience?

4. How does Elizabeth's reaction to Mary and the unborn Jesus (vv.39-45) reinforce the significance of this event?

5. The message this Christmas emphasizes the importance of trusting God and depending on His plan. How does Mary's story exemplify this?

Share

How does the message of Christmas challenge our typical ideas about what it means to be "blessed"?

In light of this message, what is one specific step you can take this Christmas season to more fully embrace the gift of Jesus and live a life of trust and obedience to God?

Grow

Minister to one another through sharing praise and specific prayer requests.

Name and pray for someone you can share the message of Christmas about Jesus.