

HOLY MOMENTS—4

THE POWER OF A MEMORY

“Sometimes you don’t know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.” —Dr. Seuss

... “*Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.* ¹¹*Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.* ¹²*This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.*” Luke 2:10-12 NIV

But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19 NIV

What Did Mary Remember?

- 1. God’s Promises From the Past**
- 2. God’s Peace in the Present**
- 3. God’s Power in the Future**

1. God’s Promises From the Past

“*But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel ...*” Micah 5:2 NIV

“*... the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means ‘God is with us’).*” Isaiah 7:14 NLT

2. God's Peace in the Present

3. God's Power in the Future

... *"This child ... has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him.³⁵ ... And a sword will pierce your very soul."*

Luke 2:34-35 NLT

TALK IT OVER

Read **Luke 2:19**. What moments in your life have you hung onto and pondered?

Talk about a time when you experienced God's peace in the middle of hurt or disappointment. What was that experience like, and how did it impact your faith?

Share about a time when you had to trust God with your future. How has that experience influenced your ability to trust Him with your future now?