

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. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This 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?