

# Lesson 125 – Jesus' Parents Devotions for Week of December 14, 2025

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## **Unit Memory Verses**

**Isaiah 7:14** Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

**John 1:14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

## Day 1

**Read:** Luke 1:26-38

Mary was told by the angel Gabriel that the Holy Spirit would come upon her and the power of the Highest would overshadow her and she would carry and have the Son of God. This would change her life. She was not married and would now have a child to take care of, and this child was the Son of God. Her response shows us what kind of person she was and what was in her heart. She said to let it be done, for she was the Lord's handmaiden (or servant). Mary was willing to submit and obey whatever God wanted for her life. It was not her plans, but God's plan for her. God has plans for each one of our lives. We also have plans for our lives. The choice we have is to live for God and His plans or to live for ourselves and our plans. God has not made us to be robots so we can choose. Choosing what God has planned is following the purpose that He created for us. Following God has so much blessing and is way more fulfilling and has much joy. We can see the people in the Bible that chose to follow God and the many great blessings and adventures they had. We can choose to live for ourselves, but we will never truly be happy and have joy. We will continue to strive and try, but not be satisfied. God says the things in this world do not satisfy but are empty. Mary chose to do God's will for her life and there was much blessing for her. She saw many miracles firsthand, and she also lived with the

Son of God! What a fulfilling life and blessed life she

**Discussion:** What will you choose for your life - to live for God and His plans and have blessings and adventures by following Him or to live for yourself? **Pray:** Praise and thank God for creating you and having great plans and adventures for your life. Tell Him you want to follow and obey Him all the days of your life. Ask God to help you do this.

## Day 2

Read: Luke 1:39-56

When the angel visited Mary, he also told her that her cousin, Elizabeth, was also with child. Mary decided to go and visit her. When they saw each other, Elizabeth's child, who was John, leaped inside her womb, and she was filled with the Holy Spirit. In verse 45, Elizabeth praised God for keeping His promise and fulfilling His Word right before their eyes. Mary also began to praise and magnify the Lord. In verse 47, she knew that we all need a Savior for our sins and God is sending Jesus as our Savior. She praises God for being mighty and great and strong. Only God could send His Son as a baby in Mary's womb. In verses 54 and 55, she praises God for keeping His promises just like Elizabeth did. Remember, these promises were made in God's Word two thousand years before they were finally happening. All the way in the garden when Adam and Eve sinned, God promised a Savior (Gen. 3:15), and the promises were throughout the Bible. God was silent for 400 years, and now, He spoke to Mary and Zacharias, and all of God's plans were happening. When things seem hopeless, and it seems that nothing good is happening, keep hoping and trusting God. His plan WILL happen in His time. There is always hope in God, and He always keeps His promises. Discussion: Do you ever feel hopeless and don't understand what God is doing in your life? Do you hope and trust God for great and mighty things? Talk about God's plans and purpose in God's time. Pray: Praise and thank God for His plans and His

## Day 3

time. Ask Him to help you trust and hope in Him even

when things look hopeless. Praise God for being

mighty and powerful and awesome.

Read: Matthew 1:18-25

Now, we meet Joseph. Mary and Joseph were engaged and planned to be married, but they were not married yet. When Mary became pregnant, it seemed that Mary was with another man. Joseph was a just man who followed and obeyed God. He thought he would break off the engagement privately. Of course, God had other plans. God stepped in and had an angel speak to Joseph in a dream. The angel told Joseph all that God was doing. God called Joseph to take care of Mary and the child. This was a very important job as we will see later. Look at the things

that the angel said about the baby. He would be named Jesus. He would save His people from their sins. That is amazing, because everyone needed to be saved from sins. This was all fulfilling the prophecies, specifically the prophecy in Isaiah written 700 years before this time. The baby's name would be Immanuel, which means God with us. This is amazing too, because God could not be with man as God is pure and Holy and can't be around sin. But God was making a way to be with us when He took away our sins. This is so exciting! Joseph was obedient and trusted God. He took Mary as his wife and took care of her. God chose Joseph knowing that he would obey and care for Mary and the baby, and he did.

**Discussion:** Isn't it amazing how God spoke to Joseph and changed his heart to marry Mary instead of leaving her? Isn't it amazing the promises that were said about the baby? What were they? Think about them and discuss them.

**Pray:** Thank and praise God for making promises and for keeping them. Praise Him for His power and His love for you. Tell God you love Him.

## Day 4

Read: Psalm 119:55-60

As we have been studying the lives of Mary and Joseph, the most important thing they did was to obey God. God had a plan for their lives that they never knew until He revealed it through the angel coming to them. But their reaction was of immediate obedience. Right now, you are practicing obedience by obeying your parents and your teachers and those that have authority over you. But when you are an adult, you also must be obedient. There are laws of the land like on the roads and laws of government and rules you must follow in your job. But most of all, whether as children or adults, we need to obey God. This is the prayer of David when he wrote the psalm we read today. God's statutes, or His Word, are a song. Many of our Bible verses we remember by singing them. Verse 56 and 57 says he keeps God's precepts or God's Word. In Verse 58, we should be keeping God's Word with our whole heart. Verse 59 reminds us that when God tells us to do something, we turn our feet and do it just like Mary and Joseph did. Verse 60 says we don't delay, or take our time and wait, but we obey immediately. We should be practicing this with our parents and teachers right now. It says to make haste, which means hurry up, and obey right away or as fast as you can. This is pleasing to God, and we will be blessed just like Mary and Joseph were blessed.

**Discussion:** When you are told to do something, do you obey quickly? Who are some other people in the Bible that you can think of that obeyed what God told them to do? Talk about it.

**Pray:** Thank and praise God for being good. Tell Him you want to obey Him with your whole heart and immediately. Ask Him to help you do this.

## Day 5

Read: Psalm 119:1-24

To know God's Word is to know God. The Bible says that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. That is Jesus. He is the Word, and He became flesh when He came to the earth. When we read and study God's Word, we get to know more about God and who He is. Knowing Him helps us believe and trust in Him and ultimately following and obeying Him. This all starts with spending time reading His Word and taking it into our hearts and minds. Proverbs 119 is all about the Word of God and how important it is to us. David wrote this psalm, and he used many words to describe the Word of God such as the law, testimonies, precepts, statutes, commandments, and righteous judgements. Notice how important the Word is and notice all the blessings that come when we follow it. We will be blessed, we won't be ashamed, we will be cleansed, we won't sin, it causes rejoicing and delight and is better than riches, we will see wondrous things and it gives us counsel and teaches us how to live. Wow, God's Word is so rich! And we have it right in our hands. Let's take time each day to read it and take in the richness of it.

**Discussion:** It is important to not just read the Word and hear it with our ears, but to take it into our hearts and minds. Ask what God is speaking to you today and how you can apply and do the Word.

**Pray:** Thank God for giving you His Words. Ask Him to speak to you and show you more wonders each day in it. Ask Him to help you take it into your heart and believe and trust in it. Ask Him to help you do it and apply it to your life.

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Children's Ministry Prayer –
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