

WEEK 1: MARY AND JOSEPH

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For no word from God will ever fail.

Luke 1:37

Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 1:26-38

Has God ever asked you to do something that **scared** you? Maybe it was going on a mission trip, sharing the Gospel with a stranger or volunteering to serve at **church**. Whatever it may be, I bet it was much less scary after the fact, when you **realized** that God knew what He was doing all along. Sure, going to a different country, speaking with a **stranger** or trying something new can bring up plenty of fears, but when you realize that God has already gone before you and paved the way – what is to fear?

Mary and Joseph were surely scared when an angel **appeared** to them as young, unmarried teens and shared that Mary would become **pregnant** with the Son of God. Mary was confused and scared at the news, but trusted that God had a plan and wanted to use her in a great way.

Joseph was afraid, **thinking** Mary had done something wrong when he found out she was expecting a child. But soon, an angel appeared to him as well and instructed him not to fear, but to trust God. Mary and Joseph listened to the angel, got **married** and, as we know, went on to give birth to the most incredible man who ever **lived**. We can all agree how important it was for Mary and Joseph to trust in God's **plan** even when it did not make sense.

God **has** a plan for you too. It may not be as life-altering as His plan for Mary, but it is a great plan tailored specifically to you and your gifts. When God calls you to do something you may be **afraid** of or feel unprepared for, trust Him. Allow Him to show you how He will meet each of your **needs**. God promises to never leave you so allow Him to draw near to you and **guide** you into His great plan and purpose for your life.

Questions to think about:

1. Have you ever done something God wanted you to do even though you were scared?
 2. How did you feel after you did it?
 3. Next time you feel God call you into the unknown, will you respond differently?
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