



Christmas is celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift.

DAY 1

Read Luke 1:28–29

How do you think you would react if an angel suddenly appeared in front of you? Would you be scared? Maybe even surprised?

When the angel appeared to Mary, she was both of those things. She was upset because she didn't understand what was happening and she was surprised that God would choose her for such an important role.

But Gabriel's answer was simple, "Do not be afraid."

The same is true for you. When you are scared or confused or unsure, you need to remember one big truth: God is with you. You can have peace, even when you're uncertain, because God is in control and has a plan.

Ask God to help you remember that you are not alone, even when you feel sad, scared, surprised, or any other emotion you may feel. God is with you!

DAY 2

Read Luke 1:30–31

The angel saw that Mary was afraid and put her fears to rest saying, "God thinks you're awesome! And you've been chosen to be a BIG part of God's plan to send a Savior."

If you have a nativity set at your house, grab the Mary figurine and take a careful look. If not, draw a picture of Mary. Can you imagine how Mary must have felt in the moment the angel appeared to her? She probably had an idea of how her life would go—and this likely wasn't it.

But God's plans are always bigger and better than ours. God thinks you're awesome, and the plan God has for your life is awesome too. When you ask God, "What's your plan for me?" you can have peace—a deep-down feeling that everything will be okay. God's plan might not look like any plan you'd come up with on your own. But you can start, right now, asking God to show you the plans for your life.

DAY 3

Read Luke 1:32–33

The angel promised that Jesus would be great, a king like David. But Jesus wouldn't rule like any earthly king. His authority and power wouldn't be limited to a certain time or place, because Jesus is the King of ALL kings. His rule will never end.

When the angel spoke these words to Mary, she may not have fully understood what they meant. And yet, she still trusted in God's plan for her. She felt peace because she knew that God loved her.

Four-Panel Christmas

Grab your paper from last week. In the next box, write the word "PEACE" in large block letters. Color the background in cool colors, like blues, greens, and purples, to create a feeling of calm. Thank God for planning to send a Savior, for loving us enough to follow through with that plan, and for the good things God has in store for you as you follow God.

DAY 4

Read Luke 1:37–38

Mary was going about her business when an angel suddenly appeared right in front of her! And this angel named Gabriel had a message. She was going to have a baby who would be the Son of God!

God did keep that promise to Mary and to all of us. God sent Jesus, God's one and only Son. Though Mary was surprised and unsure, she trusted God and the plan God had for her. And we can remember that too. Even when we don't know how things will work out, we can have peace because God has a plan.

What's The Plan?

On a piece of paper, write down three things you plan to do this month. Fold it and put it in a spot you can't see every day. On a separate sheet of paper write down three more things you plan to do or accomplish this month. Place the other sheet somewhere you can see it every day. At the end of the month check back to see which list you completed more. When you keep things in front of you they are easier to remember. When you continue to follow God's plan for your life, it becomes easier to remember that **you can have peace because God has a plan.**



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