

ANGELS TOLD ABOUT JESUS' BIRTH

BABIES
UNIT 1
SESSION 2

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

CONTEXT AND COMMENTARY FOR PERSONAL STUDY AND PREPARATION

(For age-appropriate language, use the Bible story statements in the leader guide.)

Think back to a time when you made a hard decision. Was there anxiety or fear as you considered your options? Fear often overwhelms us as we work out the best way forward in tough situations. Did you give in to fear, or did you trust God's guidance?

Mary found herself forced to make the most significant decision of her life, which became one of the most significant decisions in history, second only to Christ and the cross.

Mary, engaged to be married to Joseph, was busy preparing for her new life. Suddenly, the appearance of an angel upends the plan. As frightening as the angel's appearance was at that moment, the news he brought was even more startling. God chose young Mary to carry the Messiah, the One who would save people from their sins.

In response to the angel, Mary makes one of the most profound proclamations in the entire Bible, "See, I am the Lord's servant. May it happen to me as you have said." Notice two critical aspects of Mary's declaration—allegiance and surrender.

In declaring that she is the Lord's servant, she states that her allegiance lies with the Lord over and above anyone else. Mary fully surrenders to the Lord's will. She declares that her reputation and status are nothing compared to being used by the Lord.

In what areas of your life have you been reluctant to give complete allegiance to the Lord and surrender to His plans? Are you facing a hard decision that is testing your faith? As you pray this week, talk to God about those situations you struggle to surrender to Him. Ask Him to give you faith like Mary's to boldly live out His calling on your life.

TEACHER TIP

Send Christmas cards to the babies in your class. Write a short note to let them know that you look forward to seeing them each week.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God chose a family for Jesus.

LIFE POINT

God planned for Jesus to be born.

BIBLE PASSAGE

Matthew 1:18-24;
Luke 1:26-56

BIBLE VERSE

Mary will have a son, and you will name Him Jesus. *Matthew 1:21*

NOTE: Downloadable versions of items identified as *CD* are available in the Music and Print Extras Bundle. Items identified as *DVD* are available in the Digital Video Bundle.

Additional training for Bible Studies For Life: Kids is available at ministrygrid.com/biblestudiesforlife.