



The Faith of Mary

— All Ages edition —

Set Up:

Prepare your item(s) and plan to walk through this after dinner. This should take you and your family no more than 15 minutes. If possible we recommend that you print off this document so that you are free from technology. If you must have it on your device, turn on airplane mode or do not disturb to limit distractions

Item:

A Bible and a Mirror. Either taken off the wall or one you can stand in front of. Avoid using bathroom mirrors.

Scripture: — *Look into the mirror for 10 seconds* —

Take turns reading: **Luke 1:26-29** — **Luke 1:30-33** — **Luke 1:34-38**

Read: — *Look into the mirror for 30 seconds* —

Imagine yourself at 15, maybe younger. You still live at home but are engaged to be married and out of nowhere you are greeted by a spiritual being, which completely blows your mind and this spiritual being, an angel, has an appearance that would frighten anyone (ever wonder why an angel always tells the person they meet “do not be afraid?”).

He tells you, “*Hey Mary, God is with you and you have been chosen to have a baby.*” Yes, this angel knows your name, and not just any baby but God’s son. Yep, you heard it correct! At 15 years old and not unmarried you will now have a baby, oh and don’t worry about how you will be pregnant because God will take care of that.

Mary, a teenager, was given the role of being Jesus’ mother and she knew how hard it would be, but responded in faith. She surrendered herself and trusted in what the angel told her and by trusting God in this way, she willingly gave her life to Him. From this point forward, nothing would be the same.

Wonder: — *Look into the mirror for 30 seconds* —

Share your first reaction of a time when something took you off guard or surprised you in a big way? Share what you would do if you were in Mary’s shoes? Would you faint or think that you’re hallucinating? Maybe laugh? Share of a time when you said “no” to a direction God wanted to take you.

Mary’s faith had consequences. Share what you think God might be asking you to step out in faith that could have some consequences. Take a look at the mirror again, do you trust God with your life?

Pray:

Confess and surrender times when you haven’t taken God at his word and stepped out in faith.

Thank God for when he has intervened in your life, moved you to growth or made changes you wouldn’t have made yourself. Thank him for being involved like a loving Father.

A song to extend the moment: The Earth Stood Still — Future of Forestry