

1. It seems like everyone loves a baby. People stop in malls and restaurants to look at someone else's little baby and tell them how "precious," or "beautiful," they are. What is it about babies that make people stop and notice them?
2. Although Jesus was born a baby in a manger, this is not the whole story. He lived a perfect life, He died on a cross for our sins, He rose again in glory, He rules and reigns in heaven this very moment, and one day He will return in triumphant glory! Why is it dangerous to focus, exclusively, on Jesus in the manger? Why do you think so many people prefer to think of Jesus as a baby?

Read: Luke 1:26-38 (The message of Gabriel)

3. What does the angel Gabriel say about Jesus that gives a clear picture that Jesus will be more than just a baby in a manger?
4. If Mary believed what Gabriel said about Jesus, how would this have shaped her view of the child she would carry in her womb?
5. If we believe what Gabriel said about Jesus, how should this impact the way we worship and follow Him?

Read: Luke 1:39-56 (The words of Elizabeth)

6. What does Elizabeth say about Jesus that opens our eyes to the truth that Jesus will be more than a baby in a manger?
7. If Mary believed what Elizabeth said about Jesus, how would this have shaped her view of the child she was carrying in her womb?
8. If we believe what Elizabeth said about Jesus, how should this impact the way we worship and follow Him?

Read: Luke 1:46-55

9. Once Mary has heard from the angel Gabriel and from Elizabeth, she speaks these amazing words about God. What do you learn from her words and from her response to the news she has received about her baby?