

1. When you think about angels, what images, stories, or ideas come to your mind?

Read: Matthew 1:20-25

2. Angels have a front row seat to the activity of heaven. What truth and message does the angel communicate in this passage? What insight does this message give us about who Jesus is and what He will do?
3. How did this encounter with an angel impact Joseph's outlook and plans for the future?

Read: Luke 2:26-38

4. The angel Gabriel was a mighty warrior/messenger sent from heaven. Imagine you were having a conversation with Mary after she had this encounter with a glorious heavenly being. What might she have told you about the message she heard and how it would impact her life?
5. Mary yielded to the message of God communicated through Gabriel. Her final words of surrender to the will of God were, "I am the Lord's servant. May your word to me be fulfilled." What does this teach us about the heart and spirit of Mary?
6. God still speaks to His people (through the Bible, people, circumstances, and by the gentle voice of the Holy Spirit). What is an area of your life that God has been sending you messages and you know it is time to say, "I am the Lord's servant. May your word to me be fulfilled." What steps can you take to surrender your life to God in this area?

Read: Luke 2:8-15

7. If you were one of the shepherds out watching your flock that night, what would you have told your friends about what happened and how it impacted your life?
8. The angels declared that Jesus would bring peace. How has knowing Jesus brought peace to your life and relationships?