Extra Extra!—A Devotional about Jesus' Birth!

DAY 1

Read Luke 1:31 NIrV

"You will become pregnant and give birth to a son. You must call him Jesus."

Have you ever made big plans, like building a LEGO® castle, only to realize you needed help? God had the biggest plan ever, a plan to rescue the world. For hundreds of years, people wondered when the Rescuer would come. Then, in a quiet house in a tiny town, God sent the angel Gabriel to Mary with amazing news: "You will have a baby named Jesus." Boom! God's rescue plan was happening!

God chose Mary. She didn't know every detail, but she trusted God. When life feels different, maybe you are at a new school, lost a game, or your family moves, remember that God always has a good plan, even when you can't see everything yet. When life changes, remember God's plan never breaks.

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DAY 2

Read Luke 1:38 NIrV

""I serve the Lord," Mary answered. "May it happen to me just as you said it would." Then the angel left her."
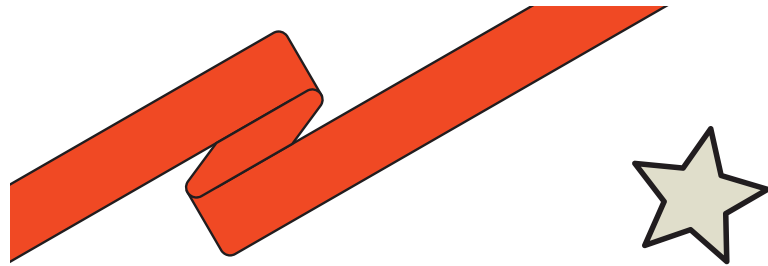
An angel came to Mary with huge news. "You will have God's Son!" Mary didn't need every detail. She simply replied, "I serve the Lord. May it happen just like you said." God's ideas are always good.

You make plans, too. Maybe you have helped plan your birthday party. Plans can change, but God's plan to send Jesus never changed, not even once. He promised long ago to rescue the world and kept that promise.

Sometimes things change, your practice moves, or a trip is canceled. You can choose to serve the Lord and watch for what God does next. He might give you peace, new friends to meet, or a chance to help.

Because Jesus came, you can trust God today. He sees tomorrow and forever.

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Cut ten paper strips. Write a promise of God on each, like "God loves me" or "God helps me." Link them into a chain and hang it in your room. Read one link each day and thank God for keeping His promises. These promises remind you that God keeps His good plan for you.

DAY 3

Read 1 John 4:14 NIrV

"The Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. We have seen it and are witnesses to it."

Have you ever tried to untangle a giant knot in your shoelaces? That's us with sin, stuck and unable to fix it. God saw the knot and already had a rescue plan. God decided to send His own Son, Jesus. Long before shepherds heard angels and wise men followed a star, God told prophets, "A Savior is coming."

We needed someone perfect to take away our sin, and Jesus is that Someone. Jesus left heaven to be born as a baby, grow up, and open a way back to God. The bottom line is simple: God always had a plan to send Jesus. He did it because He loves everyone, including you, your family, and every kid on your street.

When Christmas lights sparkle so bright, let them remind you of God turning on the light of hope through Jesus. His plan shows that He never gives up on people.

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Take a moment and say, "Thank You, God, for sending Jesus." Then draw a gift on a paper and write how Jesus has saved you. Place it where you'll see it tomorrow.

DAY 4

Read Galatians 4:4–5 NIrV

"But then the chosen time came. God sent his Son. A woman gave birth to him. He was born under the authority of the law. He came to set free those who were under the authority of the law. He wanted us to be adopted as children with all the rights children have."

Nothing about Jesus was random. The star, the stable, the shepherds, the song in the sky, each piece showed God's perfect timing. Long before you were born, God planned how to rescue you.

Sometimes plans feel late. Maybe your friend arrives after your game starts, or the cookies need time to bake. When waiting is hard, remember the bottom line: God always had a plan to send Jesus. If God timed Christmas perfectly, God can handle your life too.

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Close your eyes and think of something you're waiting for. Imagine placing it like a wrapped gift into God's hands. Trust Him to open it at the perfect time. And just…Trust God every day.

"Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus right on time. Help me trust Your timing and enjoy Your perfect plan each day, Amen."

GOD ALWAYS HAD A PLAN TO SEND JESUS.