

**What Child is This?  
Week 3 – Mary**

**Luke 1:26-37 (pg. 849)**

Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and embodies the exact \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

Hebrews 1:3 (NLT, pg. 1009) The Son radiates God’s own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven.

Mary and Jesus both:

Received the \_\_\_\_\_ God has given them.

Luke 1:38 (NLT, pg. 849) Mary responded, “I am the Lord’s servant. May everything you have said about me come true.” And then the angel left her.

Luke 22:41-44 (NLT, pg. 877) He walked away, about a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed, “Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.” Then an angel from heaven appeared and strengthened him. He prayed more fervently, and he was in such agony of spirit that his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood.

Experienced great \_\_\_\_\_ while living out their calling.

Luke 2:33-35 (NLT, pg. 851) Jesus’ parents were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby’s mother, “This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, and many others to

rise. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul.”

Stick with their \_\_\_\_\_ no matter what they face.

John 19:25-27 (NLT, pg. 901) Standing near the cross were Jesus’ mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary (the wife of Clopas), and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother standing there beside the disciple he loved, he said to her, “Dear woman, here is your son.” And he said to this disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from then on this disciple took her into his home.

“And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” –Jesus (Matthew 28:20, pg. 828)

Jesus fully embodies \_\_\_\_\_: God with us.

Isaiah 7:14 (NLT, pg. 570) The Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means ‘God is with us’).

John 4:13-14 (NLT, pg. 884) Jesus replied, “Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.”

Final Thought: Mary was a humble and willing servant of God that faced unexpected turns in her journey of faith. Will you follow her example and be \_\_\_\_\_ through every step with Christ?

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### Week 3 Discussion Questions

What are some ways you are like your parents? What are some ways your kids (if you have them) are like you? Do you think Mary ever felt the pressure of having Jesus watching her as he grew up? People are watching you and how you live out your faith, are you an example worthy of following?

“The public opinion of Mary would have been the opposite of why God picked her.” Why is this such a sobering thought? Bullying is obviously a big issue in our culture today, but it has always been around because of our fallen sinful world. How do you think Mary handled all of the public shame? How do you deal with mean people?

Read Luke 1:46-56. This is Mary’s response to God picking her, even with all of the struggles it caused for her. What do you see of significance in this passage? Re-read verse 55. Mary is excited that God has kept his promise to send a Messiah. What promise of God brings you the most comfort? Explain.

Mary and Jesus both received the mission God gave them. What mission has God given you? Have you received it fully? Why or why not? What, if anything, is holding you back from your full potential? Explain.