

**Luke 1:26-38**

**Mary's Yes – Trusting God's Plan**

**December 8**

We will think about Mary's role in the Advent story. Her faith and willingness to follow God's call show us the importance of saying "yes" to God in our lives.

**Background:**

Mary is a young, humble girl from Nazareth. She is engaged to Joseph and has simple hopes for her life. One day, the angel Gabriel visits her. He tells her that she has been chosen to be the mother of the Messiah. This news is both amazing and scary for her.

**Read Luke 1:26-33** The Angel Gabriel's Announcement.

1. What might Mary have felt hearing Gabriel's greeting and announcement?

2. How does the angel's message about Jesus' identity (Son of the Most High, inheriting David's throne, and ruling forever) highlight the fulfillment of God's promises?

3. Why do you think Mary was chosen for this role?

**Read Luke 1:34-37** Mary's Question and Gabriel's Response

4. What does Mary's question show about her faith and understanding? How does Gabriel's answer help reassure Mary of God's power and the miraculous nature of her calling?

5. What are some “impossible” situations in our lives where we need to trust in God’s power?

**Read Luke 1:38** Mary’s Response of Faith and Surrender

6. What does Mary’s response show about her character and her relationship with God?

7. What areas in our lives might God call us to trust Him, even when we don’t have all the answers?

**So what.....**

8. In what ways does Mary’s example encourage you to trust God’s plans?

9. How can we prepare your hearts to say “yes” to God’s will this Advent season?

10. What specific steps can we take to grow in faith, humility, and surrender?