

- Mary's and Joseph's hearts were joyful as they lived in their little home in Nazareth

- They must have often talked together about the time God's Son would be born

### LOC #1, FC 1-5

- Mary and Joseph knew about the promise from prophet Micah that the Promised One would ...

- ... be born in Bethlehem; so they were not surprised at announcement of a census

- This meant Mary and Joseph must return to Bethlehem; home of their ancestor David

- God's plan hadn't changed; He promised to send a Saviour

- Do you understand how Jesus can save you from sin?

### INVITATION – FC 1-6

**John 3:16** – “*For God so loved the world* (that's you and me), *that He gave His only begotten Son* (Jesus), *that whosoever* (you) *believeth in Him* (Jesus) *should not perish, but have everlasting life.*”

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**BOW HEADS  
RESPONSE**

### CHALLENGE

**G - Go over MT  
ARE YOU WILLING TO DO  
WHATEVER GOD ASKS  
YOU TO DO?**

**R - Review PAS verse  
Joshua 24:24 – “. . . The LORD  
our God will we serve, and His  
voice will we obey.”**

**O - Overview PAS examples**

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**W - Will you do it?**

**LIFE OF CHRIST #1  
Luke 1:26-47; 2:1-3;  
Matthew 1:18-24**

- Did you ever make a promise?  
Have you always kept the  
promises you made? Why not?

- Maybe you told your friend,  
“I'll be right over after school”

- When you got home, Mom  
said, “You need to watch the  
baby so I can go to the store”

- Your plans changed; could not  
keep your promise. Why not?

- You did not know what was  
going to happen

- Lesson is about One who does  
know what will happen . . . God!

- Listen carefully and let's find  
out about God's great plan

- We can't imagine how great  
God is. He made the sky ... the  
sun ... the moon ... the stars

- He made fish, birds, and  
animals; because God wanted  
someone to love, He made man

- Did you know God loves you?

**G**

- In the Bible, God tells us about  
Himself; He is God the Father,  
the Son, and the Holy Spirit

### LOC #1, FC 1-2

*FC 1-2 w/ Baby Jesus Covered*

- This triangle has three sides, yet  
it is one triangle; God is three  
persons, yet He is one God

- He tells us about the plan  
worked out between God, the  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

- That plan had to do with the  
man God would create

- God would give man the  
choice to obey or disobey; He  
knew man would disobey

- God calls that sin. Do you  
know that you have sinned?

**S, PAU**

**Isaiah 53:6** – “*All we like sheep  
have gone astray; we have  
turned every one to his own way  
....*”

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- Immediately after man sinned, God promised to send the Saviour ... Come soon? No

- Years and years went by; there were many times when God's people got into trouble

- God would send someone from time to time to remind His people about the promise

- Finally God's time arrived; called *the fullness of time*

- God sent an angel from Heaven with an exciting message!

- Angel, Gabriel, came to town of Nazareth and visited a young woman named Mary

- Mary was alone, probably thinking happy thoughts as she was about to be married

- She may have been planning how to make a nice home for Joseph; she really loved him

- Suddenly her thoughts were interrupted!

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**LOC #1, FC 1-1**

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- "Greetings," angel said, "The Lord is with you; fear not ...

- ... You will have a Son . . . and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be the Son of the ...

- ... Most High God"; Could this be happening to her? Mary thought ... It was unbelievable

- Angel, "God will give Him the throne of His ancestor David; He will be King forever"

- Now Mary knew . . . this was God's Promised One

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- Mary to be His mother. Mary, "How can this be?" Angel, "Holy Spirit shall come upon you"

- Mary filled with excitement; Gabriel said more, "Your cousin Elizabeth will also have a child"

- Mary, "I am the Lord's servant. I am willing to do whatever God wants ...

- ... Let it happen to me as you have said"

**MT – ARE YOU WILLING TO DO WHATEVER GOD ASKS YOU TO DO?**

- While she prepared to visit Elizabeth, thought of angel's visit

- It wasn't easy for Mary to let God use her in this way

- She probably prayed that God would help her do the right thing; she would trust God

- The trip to Zacharias' and Elizabeth's home took several days

- Wonder of wonders, Elizabeth knew Mary was going to be the mother of God's Son ...

- ... even before Mary told her; Mary was so happy

- Mary, "How I rejoice in God my Saviour"; Mary knew she needed a Saviour

**P, E**

**1 Corinthians 15:3-4 – "... Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures."**

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**LOC #1, FC 1-3**

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- Mary explained to Elizabeth what had happened; "I looked up and there was an angel"

- Elizabeth must have nodded; "I know . . . Zacharias saw an angel too"

- Mary stayed about three months, and then she went home to her town of Nazareth

- As Joseph slept, he started to dream; suddenly an angel stood by him!

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**LOC #1, FC 1-4**

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- Angel, "Don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife. Baby she will have is the Son of God ...

- ... You will name Him Jesus for He shall save His people from their sins" (**M.V.**)

- Now Joseph understood; God's plan included Joseph, and he was willing to obey God

**MT, PAS – ARE YOU WILLING TO DO WHATEVER GOD ASKS YOU TO DO?**  
**Joshua 24:24 – "... The LORD our God will we serve, and His voice will we obey."**

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