

# Going Deeper

*Your weekly guide to understanding God with others*

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### Introduction

The coming of a new baby caught Mary, Joseph and Elizabeth unaware. Each of them had to choose to respond to God – and each chose to say ‘yes’. As we celebrate the Christmas season, we too have the opportunity to encounter God afresh.

### Bible Passage

Luke 1:5-38, Matthew 1:18-25

### Discussion

1. Mary was excited about her coming wedding, then God broke into her world and everything changed. She chose to lay down her dreams and goals for what God was doing. Is there something God is asking you to let go of? What does it mean for you to obey Him?
2. Joseph’s reaction to the news of Mary’s pregnancy changed from wanting to get out of a messy situation to choosing to embrace, lead and protect those God entrusted to him. How has God broken into your circumstances and changed your heart? Is God showing you a new thing in this season?
3. Elizabeth had accepted that she would not have children, a major disappointment for a woman in that time. How have you felt disappointment or sadness in your life? How might God be wanting to bring more to you this Christmas season?

### Respond

Our lives have ups and downs, blessings and disappointments. How we tell our story to ourselves and to others can either open us or close us to what God is doing new, today. Consider how God may want to talk to you and how can you say ‘yes’ to Him.

