



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:

Mary, Mother of Jesus

Take Home Point:

God uses humble people to point to him.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: What was the meaning of your shepherd turning over the gift box and dumping out the list of presents your group wanted? (*That we can empty ourselves of "I wants" to be humble and point to Jesus.*)

God Time at Home

Select questions and adapt for your family.

FOR STARTERS: Using a hand-held mirror, let each person gaze into the mirror while saying what he or she wants for Christmas. Say: This may seem awkward, but if we were demanding presents while only thinking of ourselves we would call that being "full of ourselves." In other words, all we are thinking of is ourselves. The opposite of this is being humble. To be humble means to empty ourselves. Who was one of the most humble women who ever lived? Hint: She also was one of the most honored ladies who ever lived? Mary!

READ THE BIBLE: Luke 1:26-38, 46-56. An angel announces to Mary that she will be Jesus' mother.

KEY VERSE: Philippians 2:3b-8, "...*Humbly think of others as being better than yourselves. Don't be concerned only about your own interests, but also be concerned about the interests of others. Have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Although he was in the form of God and equal with God...he emptied himself by taking on the form of a servant... He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, death on a cross.*"

TALK ABOUT IT: What words did the angel greet Mary with when he came to her house? (Luke 1:28. "*You are favored by the Lord!*") How did Mary feel about this strange visit? (Luke 1:29. *She was startled and did not understand.*) What did the angel say would happen to Mary? (Luke 1:31 *She would become pregnant and give birth to a Son, Jesus.*) How would God make this possible? (Luke 1:35. *The Holy Spirit would come to her and the power of the Most High would overshadow her.*) How did Mary respond? (Luke 1:38. *She said, "I am the Lord's servant. Let everything you've said happen to me."*)

Who else from today's Bible event do you think is an example of a servant? The most humble person to ever live was Jesus. Even though He was God, he gave his life to pay for the punishment of our sins. Through faith in Jesus, we can go to heaven. (See Philippians 2:3b-8)

PRAYER POWER: Give thanks that Jesus humbled himself to come into our world as a servant to save us. Pray to have humble hearts and to do acts of kindness for others this season, showing Jesus' love.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

God uses humble people who empty themselves of "I wants". Demonstrate this by thinking of some gift or service you might as a family give to others who are really in need.

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