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1 Cor. 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....”**

- This is the only way God made for sinners like you and me to be saved from our sins. This is why Jesus came.

- Joseph woke up; realized dream was from God; even though ppl must have thought He was crazy, He obeyed; took Mary as His wife

MT, PAS – YOU SHOULD DO WHATEVER GOD ASKS YOU TO DO – James 1:22 – “But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”

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- Even though it was probably not easy, Joseph did what God asked; took Mary home & they became husband & wife

- How excited they must have been as they waited for this amazing Baby to be born

- Joseph and Mary loved the One True God, and wanted to

obey Him, willing to do whatever He asked

CHALLENGE

G – Go over MT

YOU SHOULD DO WHATEVER GOD ASKS YOU TO DO

R – Review PAS verse

James 1:22 – “But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”

O – Overview PAS examples

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W – Will you do it?

INVITATION

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

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**BOW HEADS
RESPONSE**

LIFE OF CHRIST #1

Luke 1:26-56; 2:1-3;
Matt. 1:18-24

- What do you think about when you hear the name JESUS?

- Maybe you think about a good man, or maybe think of some of the miracles He did, or maybe you think of His great love

- Or maybe you have heard the opposite, not a good man at all, told lies/said things that weren't true

- Well in our GNC's this year, we are going to be learning the TRUTH about who the Lord Jesus REALLY is

- Today, we are going to start at the very beginning of Jesus's life here on earth (from beginning was alive with God the Father in Heaven)

- One day, many years ago, God sent an angel to a place called Israel (place God's special chosen ppl lived); to a little town called Nazareth

- Angel's name was Gabriel; messenger for God

- This day, He had the most exciting news to tell

- God sent this angel to a young woman named Mary. Mary was

from the family of King David who had ruled as one of Israel's greatest Kings many years before Mary born

- But Mary not wealthy or important; grew up very poor in one of poorest towns in her country

- Mary lived in time of trouble; God's ppl, Israelites, had been taken over by their enemies, they were waiting for God to save them, but no one had heard any messages from God in a very long time

- I can't imagine how surprised Mary must have been when all of sudden, angel appeared to her

FLASHCARD 1-1

- Must have been afraid; angel said, “Don't be afraid, Mary, God is pleased with you

- ...You will have a Son and you will name Him Jesus...

- ...He will be called great because He will be the Son of the Most High God...

- ...God will give Him the throne of His ancestor David; He will be King forever”

- ...Most High God? Mary must have thought... How could this be?

- God was going to do something amazing.

FLASHCARD 1-2

- Jesus, God the Son, was going to leave Heaven and come to earth, and He would do it by being born as a little tiny baby

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- This would be a miracle, something only God could do

- Then angel said, "Your cousin Elisabeth is also going to have a baby (Elisabeth was old & could never have children before)

- I'm sure Mary was excited, but was also probably a little scared; what would ppl think when found out she was having baby; what would she do?

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

- Mary wanted to do whatever God asked her to do, even if it was hard/not easy

- Sometimes God may ask you to do things that are hard/not easy too

MT – YOU SHOULD DO WHATEVER GOD ASKS YOU TO DO

- Mary wanted to do what God asked

- Mary knew that long before this God had promised to send a Saviour who would rescue them and rule as King

- For thousands of years, God's people had been watching and waiting, many thought God had forgotten about His promise

- God hadn't forgotten His people; loved them

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- God loved His ppl, would keep His promise to send Saviour

- Mary knew this baby must be the One that God had promised; couldn't keep this to herself; remembered what angel had said about Elisabeth

- Mary left home in a hurry & traveled to Elisabeth's town

- As soon as she arrived, called out; "Hello, Elisabeth!"

FLASHCARD 1-3

- As soon as Elisabeth heard Mary's words, Elisabeth felt her baby moving

- Bible says the baby "leaped in her womb for joy"

- God had told Elisabeth and her husband that their baby

was going to have special job; would announce to everyone the Saviour that God had promised had come

- When Elisabeth felt the baby move, she knew, even before Mary told her that the baby inside of Mary was the Saviour, the Promised One!

- Mary was so happy she began to sing praises to God

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

- Someone who could save her from the punishment she deserved for her sins; truth is, you and I need a Saviour too

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

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- Mary knew that she needed a Saviour

- Mary stayed with Elisabeth for three months; knew it was time to go home; someone was waiting for her – she was engaged!

- Mary had promised to marry a man named Joseph

- In those days, a promise to marry was so serious you considered the person to be your husband/wife right away, but did not live together till married

- What would Joseph say when he saw Mary was pregnant? Would he believe her?

- I'm sure Joseph was shocked, maybe wondered if he could believe her; Had she been unfaithful to him?

- At this time, a woman could be put to death for something like this; but Joseph didn't want to do that...decided to quietly divorce her

FLASHCARD 1-4

- But as Joseph was sleeping one night, had a dream!

- Angel appeared, "Joseph, don't be afraid to take unto you Mary your wife... the Baby she will have is the Son of God

- ...You will name Him Jesus for He shall save His people from their sins."

- This is why Jesus would come, "to save His people from their sins."