

## Incredible News (Luke 1: 26-38) Watch the video and talk about the following:

2020 has been an incredible year. It wasn't the year that we expected! Mary received incredible news. It was unexpected news too and it was delivered in a surprising way. This news was not just for Mary, but for every person, past, present and future – for all of us here today.

- **Think**

Can you think of a time that you have received some incredible news? How did you react?

- **Share/ discuss**

Mary, a teenage girl, was part of God's plan to come to close to us; to be with us in a way that we could see; to show us his love for us.

Every single person is also part of God's plan. Remember that God is love. He works through us to show his love to others. How do you think God is using you to show his love to others?

- **Pray**

Mary had a lot of 'feels' about what was going on. Maybe you are experiencing a lot of emotions about what is happening or has happened in your life. Take a few minutes to tell God about it.

- **Act**

Do something this week to show the incredible love of God to others.

- Give a gift
- Make a card
- Help with a chore
- Send a message or make a call



## An Incredible God (Luke 1: 39-56) Watch the video and talk about the following:

Sometimes life is tough. When we are challenged by what is happening or what God is asking us to do, it's important that we remember and hold on to the incredible promises of God.

- **Think**

When Mary heard the incredible news that she was pregnant she probably felt very alone. This would have been hard news for her to share. Mary had to trust in the promises of God – his promises to save his people and give them new life.

What is one big promise that you have made? Why was that promise important? Did you keep your promise?

- **Share/ discuss**

God has made promises to all his people. Here are just a few of the things that we can depend on God for:

- God is with us always. (John 14:15-16)
- God will give us peace when we are worried. (John 14:27)
- God loves us and we can live forever with him. (John 3:16)

Which of these (or any other promise of God) is important to you? Why?

- **Pray**

Mary trusted in God's promises and she became part of his incredible plan. God includes each of us in his incredible plan too.

Ask God to help you understand your part in his plan. Promise, if you can, to trust him to do your part.

- **Act**

Share one of the promises of God with someone else this week.



## An Incredible Birth (Luke 2: 1-20) Watch the video and talk about the following:

- **Think**

Mary and Joey arrived in Bethlehem to find there was no room for them. Even in the toughest times, God promises that he will be with us; that he has a place for us in his family. God found a safe place for Mary to give birth to Jesus and he sent people to care for them.

Can you think of a time when you have felt that there was no place for you? Have you felt left out or alone?

Did you feel that God was with you at this time? Who did he send to help you through?

- **Share/ discuss**

Share about a time when you felt like you were part of the group/family/team.

What did others do that helped you to feel included?

What have you done to make room for someone else to join in?

- **Pray**

Tell God about the times that you feel left out. Ask him to remind you that he is with you, no matter how you are feeling. Ask him to help you to be there for others when they are feeling alone too.

- **Act**

Make a plan to include someone, who might be feeling left out, as you celebrate Christmas.

