



CHRISTMAS

Angels Appear to Joseph & Mary

Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38

(KBC Study Bible, pages 1024; 1101-1102)

Character Word

Obedience – *doing what I am told to do with a happy, submissive spirit*

Mary and Joseph obeyed God according to the angel's message even though they didn't understand it all.

I can obey God even when I can't understand His plans.

Memory Link

"For with God nothing will be impossible."

Luke 1:37 (KBC Study Bible, page 1101)

Weekly Challenge

This Christmas, plan a time for your family to read the story of Jesus' birth from your KBC Study Bible Luke 2:1-20 (pages 1103-1104). Remember to tell your family how Simeon and Anna waited for God's promised Savior. Maybe you can suggest that reading Luke 2:1-20 (KBC Study Bible pages 1103-1104) can become a family tradition before you open gifts or at Christmas dinner time, with each family member taking turns reading a few verses at a time.

DAY 1 **READ:** Luke 1:46-55 (KBC Study Bible, page 1102)

THINK: Even though Mary didn't understand everything the angel said, she trusted God. She worshipped Him and obeyed Him. How will you worship God this Christmas? How will you obey Him?

PRAY: God, I worship You because You are holy, and You are good. In Jesus' name, amen.

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DAY 2 READ: Luke 2:1-7 (KBC Study Bible, page 1103)

THINK: God works through EVERYTHING to accomplish His will. He used taxes to make Mary and Joseph go to Bethlehem. He used a full inn, so Jesus would be born in just the right place. Everything He does is just perfect!

PRAY: God, thank You for being in control even when I don't understand. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 3 READ: Luke 2:8-14 (KBC Study Bible, page 1103)

THINK: Why do you think God chose to make the most important announcement in the history of the world to a group of shepherds in the fields? Why do you think God has chosen you?

PRAY: God, help me to remember that You can use anyone to help spread the good news of Jesus. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 4 READ: Luke 2:15-20 (KBC Study Bible, pages 1103-1104)

DO: After the shepherds saw Jesus, they told everyone about Him. Tell someone that Jesus came because He loves them.

PRAY: God, use me to tell others about You. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 5 READ: Luke 2:39-40 (KBC Study Bible, page 1105)

THINK: Jesus "grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him." Just like Jesus grew, you are growing too. You can grow to become more like Jesus.

PRAY: God, as I grow up, help me to be more and more like Jesus. In Jesus' name, amen.