

UNEXPECTED *Gift*



# BIG IDEA

Mary enthusiastically  
receives the promise of a  
child in spite of the certain  
challenges that it meant.



## LUKE 1:26

**In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee,**



**LUKE 1:27**

**to a virgin pledged to be  
married to a man named  
Joseph, a descendant of David.  
The virgin's name was Mary.**



**LUKE 1:28**

**The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”**



**LUKE 1:29**

**Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.**



**LUKE 1:30**

**But the angel said to her,  
“Do not be afraid, Mary; you  
have found favor with God.**



**LUKE 1:31**

**You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.**



**LUKE 1:32**

**He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,**



**LUKE 1:33**

**and he will reign over Jacob's  
descendants forever; his  
kingdom will never end.”**



# **BIG GOD, little people**

**God's favor most often  
visits those who seem to  
have little standing with  
the people.**



**LUKE 1:34**

**“How will this be,”  
Mary asked the angel,  
“since I am a virgin?”**



## LUKE 1:35

**The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.**



**LUKE 1:36**

**Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month.**



**LUKE 1:37**

**For no word from God  
will ever fail.”**



# SIMPLE QUESTION GETS A SIMPLE ANSWER

Astounding outcomes  
happen when our frame  
of reference is God.



## LUKE 1:38

**“I am the Lord’s servant,”  
Mary answered. “May your  
word to me be fulfilled.”  
Then the angel left her.**



# OBEDIENCE

Obedience and submission  
are evidence of belief.



# TODAY

- ✧ Re-examine your life's perspective.
- ✧ Determine to live out what your faith means.

