

3. He is King Forever.

*“The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.” Luke 1:32b-33
On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. Revelation 19:16*

4. Conceived by the Holy Spirit, He is the Son of GOD!

“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?” The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come upon 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. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible with God.” Luke 1:34-37

Heidelberg Catechism

Question 35. What does it mean that he "was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary?"

Answer: That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to Himself through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, a truly human nature so that He might become David's true descendant like His brothers in every way, except for sin.

Question 36. How does the holy conception and birth of Christ benefit you?

Answer: He is our Mediator and with His innocence and perfect holiness he removes from GOD's sight my sin - mine since I was conceived.

Salvation is accomplished through Surrender.

Celebrate Our Savior's Birth

Luke 1:26-38

A. Meet Mary, The Mother of Jesus.

1. In the Town of Nazareth.

In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, Luke 1:26

Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Philip. John 1:45-46

2. A Virgin Betrothed.

*In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. Luke 1:26-27
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3. Highly Favored by GOD.

The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.” Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God.” Luke 1:28-30

4. A Person of Faith.

“I am the Lord's servant,” Mary answered. “May it be to me as you have said.” Then the angel left her. Luke 1:38

B. Receive The Savior.

1. His Name is Jesus.

But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.” Luke 1:30-31

2. He is the Son of the Most High.

*He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. Luke 1:32a
When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. He shouted at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Swear to God that you won't torture me!” Mark 5:6-7
No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known. John 1:18*

Faith@Home

Commit yourself to spending time with GOD and His Word on at least five days this week. Read the Bible passage(s) listed.

Ask GOD for understanding. Reflect on the verses you read and write down your answers to the question(s). Pray that GOD will guide you to walk in His Word.

Day One

Read Luke 1:26-38

1. In your devotions today, reflect on what this passage tells us about Mary. What do you learn about her from these verses?
2. Put yourself in her place - a young teen-aged girl, visited by an angel with a life-altering message. What do you think she felt, thought, feared, etc.?
3. What can we learn from Mary's response?

Day Two

Read Luke 1:26-38

1. In your devotions today, reflect on what this passage tells us about Jesus. What do you learn about Jesus from these verses?
2. What is the significance of the fact that Jesus was "conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin?"
3. The angel stated, "Nothing is impossible with GOD." What does that mean to you?

Day Three

Read Luke 1:39-56

1. What does Mary praise GOD for?
2. List the things that she states about GOD.
3. What in particular does this passage communicate to you today? Pick out one thing and praise GOD for it.

Day Four

Read Matthew 1

1. What do we learn about Joseph in this passage?
2. Put yourself in Joseph's place. What do you think he thought, felt, feared, etc.?
3. What can we learn from Joseph's response?
4. In verses 21 & 23, there are two names given our Savior. What does each one mean? What does each mean to you?

Day Five

Read Psalm 34

1. What verse stands out to you as you meditate on this Psalm?
2. What does it look like for you to be a person who always has the LORD's praise on your lips (verse 1)? What do you praise GOD for today?
3. Pray for our Sunday worship gathering.