

# THE PROMISE FULFILLED

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**37“For nothing will be impossible with God.” 38And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.”**

— Luke 1:37-38 (ESV)



**EVERY NATION**  
SINGAPORE

## HOOK

 Start the conversation by saying...

The census that brought Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem was part of an attempt to standardize tax collection across the Roman Empire.

## ENGAGE

 Go deeper with this...

What's your most memorable family Christmas story?

## LINK

 Connect to God's truth by sharing...

- Let's consider a familiar family: Mary, Joseph, and Jesus.
- When God makes a promise, let's respond like Mary: Surrender to God and trust His Word, remembering that nothing is impossible for God! (Luke 1:37–38)
- If we are faced with challenges, we can respond like Joseph: Be humble and acknowledge God's Lordship, even when His commands don't make sense to us. (Matthew 1:24)
- Lordship demands obedience. The key is to hear God and obey.
- The entire story of Jesus' birth is a miracle and a promise fulfilled.
- The best message of all? This whole story is because God loves us and had a plan to redeem everyone back to Himself!
- To respond right, let's believe in Jesus, trust His Lordship, and obey Him.

## PAUSE



Pick a question and pray together...

### **Discuss Together** (*pick one*)

- What is one promise God gave that you're holding on to? How are you responding? Would you say you have completely surrendered to God?
- Is there a challenge you're facing? Or maybe something God's telling you to do that doesn't make sense? Lift this up to God and ask for His peace and courage to obey.

### **Pray Together** (*pick one*)

- Pray that you respond to promises as Mary did: in complete surrender, trusting His Word. Believe that nothing is impossible for God and place your life in His hands.
- Pray that you respond to instructions as Joseph did: humbly and obediently, even when it doesn't make sense. Pray that you will not insist on your own way but obey God wholeheartedly.

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**When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.**

— Matthew 1:24 (NIV)