

Christmas

at THE CREEK

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

WEEK 2: JOY

Sunday, December 4

READ: Luke 1:26-38, 46-47

The angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to announce she would be Jesus' mother. This must have come as quite a surprise. After all, Mary wasn't married yet, and she had a different plan for her life. Gabriel reminded her nothing is impossible with God. She could have been overwhelmed by this startling news, but she chose to respond with a song of joy. Nothing takes God by surprise. We can trust God has an ultimate plan for our lives. Discover the joy that comes from believing in Jesus and God's plan for us.

ASK:

- When was a time you experienced great joy?
- How do you feel when your plans don't happen like you want?
- How can we remember to have joy, even when our plans change?

PRAY:

"Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior. We can see how Mary trusted Your plan, and You filled her heart with joy. Thank You for reminding me You have a good plan for our lives, too. Help me to find our joy in You because Your plans are ALWAYS good. I love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

As you go about your week, take some time to reflect on each of the daily passages. Sit with God in each text. Allow God's Word to speak to you. Ask yourself, "Lord, what do you want to show me in this text today?" Then, listen. After each day has wrapped up, finish in prayer.

Monday: Habakkuk 3:17-19

Tuesday: Luke 1:39-56

Wednesday: Philippians 4:4-7

Thursday: Matthew 1:18-25

Friday: 1 Peter 4:7-11

Saturday: Luke 2:8-20