

Read: Matthew 1:16-25, Luke: 1:26-56, Titus 2:4-5

MARY The Mother of Jesus is the most famous and revered woman of all times. The scripture tells a story of an ordinary girl with a heart to serve God. In response to the angel’s shocking announcement, Mary responded with amazing faith. She chose surrender, trust, and a song of praise to God. Because of her willing heart, Mary was equipped to do extraordinary things.

1 God’s selection of Mary to be the mother of Jesus says something about His character. What is God looking for in His chosen ones?

2 Can you think of any Bible heroes who were relatively “ordinary” before the Lord tapped them for service? Look at the following scriptures for examples. Judges 4:17-22, Joshua 2, Acts 9:10-17, Gen 6:8-21. Can you think of other ordinary people in the Bible who are remembered through the ages for extraordinary things? What point do you think God was making by choosing these ordinary individuals to do extraordinary things?

3 God called Mary to a very difficult task. What were some of the ways He prepared her? Isaiah 7:14, Luke 1:26-33, Luke 1:36-37. How was Joseph a help to Mary? Matthew 1:18-25 Why did Mary go to visit Elizabeth? How can you help equip others who have assignments from God? Titus 2:4-5

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The scriptures below speak of some of the supernatural events surrounding Jesus' birth and childhood. How did these things help prepare Mary and Joseph for what was to come? Luke 1:39-42, Matthew 2:1-11, Matthew 2:13-15.

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Was there a time when you or someone you know was misunderstood when being called to take part in a task for God? How did you or that person stand in faith to complete it? Describe the outcome.
