

# MARY CHRISTMAS! RECEIVE JESUS: GOD'S SURE HOPE

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## WORSHIP

Emmanuel God With Us,  
Hark the Herald Angels  
Sing/King of Heaven, O  
How Great, O Come All Ye  
Faithful, Be It Unto Me

## WELCOME

What was your childhood  
dream? What dreams do you  
have today?

## WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

### 1. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives.

### 3. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of public servants; repentance and salvation for government leaders and citizens for a Christ-centered Philippines.
- God's help and comfort, salvation for Israel, wisdom for their leaders in government, military and their soldiers as they defend themselves against terrorists' attacks PRAISE GOD for the release of hostages so far! Continue to pray for the release of the remaining ones.
- War in Ukraine to end, loss of lives prevented; conflict in African, East Asian and Middle East countries to stop.
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### 3. Church

- CCFers would honor and love God and make disciples.
- Elders, pastors, deacons, and families (holy, humble, harmonious, happy, heart-working).
- Ministries and churches expansion worldwide.

### 4. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

### 5. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God.
- Righteous living.
- Salvation of family and friends.

## WORD

### READ IT!

### LUKE 1:30-38

(READ LUKE 1:26-56 FOR CONTEXT)

<sup>30</sup> The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; <sup>33</sup> and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end."

<sup>34</sup> Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup> The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> And Mary said, "Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

### PARAPHRASE IT!

Restate the verses in your own words.

### TALK ABOUT IT!

- What did you like about these verses?
- What did you learn about God?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about our sure hope?
- What did you learn about following Jesus?

### POINT IT OUT!

#### I. GRACE "I don't deserve this!"

(Luke 1:26-38, Jeremiah 23:5-6, Romans 3:23, 1 Peter 2:22, 1 John 3:5, Hebrews 4:15, Ephesians 2:8-9, Matthew 1:21, Deuteronomy 22:20-21, Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 1:13-14)

#### II. GOOD NEWS "I must tell someone!"

(Luke 1:39-45)

#### III. GLORY "I will praise God always!"

(Luke 1:46-56, Philippians 2:9-11)

## WORKS

### APPLY IT!

Based on this lesson on "Mary CHRISTmas! Receive Jesus: God's Sure Hope", write down your action point to apply what you learned. Make it your "I will..." statement and follow the S.M.A.R.T. guideline to come up with a do-able action point.

Simple

Measurable

Appropriate

Realistic

Time-bound

"I will \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### SHARE IT!

Who will you share these truths to this week?

### PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Pray for all people including the nation of Israel who have not yet come to know Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior. Give your time, talent, and treasure in evangelizing the non-believers and discipling the believers. Don't keep the good news to yourself—share it!

## MEMORY VERSE

### LUKE 1:37

For nothing will be impossible with God.