



Family Devotional: Mary's Yes

Theme: God uses ordinary, faithful people to carry out His extraordinary plan.

Focus Verse:

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." — Luke 1:38 (NIV)

Other Scriptures:

- Luke 1:26–38
 - 1 Samuel 1:9–20
 - Ruth 1:16–17
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Devotional Thought:

Have you ever felt too small or too ordinary for God to use? Maybe you've thought, "Someone else would be better at that," or "God can't really use me."

Mary probably felt the same way. She was a young girl from a quiet town, living an ordinary life, but God had an extraordinary plan. When the angel told her she would give birth to Jesus, Mary didn't understand how it could happen. Still, she trusted God and said, "I am the Lord's servant."

That one "yes" changed everything.

Just like Mary, God invites us to say "yes" to Him too, even when we don't understand the whole plan. When we trust Him, He can use our lives to show His love to others.

Scripture Focus:

Luke 1:26–38 (NIV)

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, 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.

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. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; His kingdom will never end."

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on 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 unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail.”

“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

1 Samuel 1:27–28 (NIV)

“I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him. So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord.”

Ruth 1:16–17 (NIV)

But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.”

Talk About It (Family Discussion Questions):

1. Why do you think God chose Mary to be Jesus’ mother?
2. How do you think Mary felt when she first heard the angel’s message?
3. What does it mean to say “yes” to God in your life — even when it feels scary or uncertain?
4. Can you think of a time when someone in your family said “yes” to God and it made a difference?
5. How can your family say “yes” to God together this week?

Weekly Challenge:

Share something you feel nervous about saying “yes” to. Then pray together as a family for courage like Mary, courage to trust God’s plan even when you can’t see how it will work out.

Family Prayer:

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for reminding us through Mary’s story that You can use anyone who says “yes” to You.

Give us the faith and courage to trust You, even when we don’t understand the whole plan.

Help our family be ready to follow You with willing hearts and joyful obedience, wherever You lead.

Thank You for the gift of Jesus, who shows us what perfect love looks like.

In His name we pray,

Amen.