

verse for the week  
Mary said,  
"I am the Lord's  
servant. Let it  
happen as you  
have said."  
LUKE 1:38

Caring Conversations

share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

Can you remember a time when you had an unexpected visitor? Tell your story.

2

Read Luke 1:26-38.

What can we learn from Mary in these verses?



3

Have you ever been challenged by God to do something difficult?

Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 1:26-38	The birth of Jesus foretold
M	Titus 2:11-14	God's kindness
T	Isaiah 9:2-7	The coming king
W	Titus 3:4-7	The mercy of God
T	John 1:1-14	The word became flesh
F	Isaiah 52:7-10	Message of hope
S	Psalm 96	Sing a new song
S	Luke 2:22-40	Jesus presented in the temple

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Dear loving God, give us faith like Mary to accept the good news of Jesus' birth, and confidence to go out into the world as a servant of your love in Christ. Amen.

BLESSING

May the Lord be with you. May God's favour rest on you and the Holy Spirit come to you and give you peace.

Creative Response

Place figures from a Christmas nativity set (e.g. wise men, shepherds, Mary, Joseph, animals) throughout your home.

During this week, move them closer to the manger.

Have Mary and Joseph arrive first, followed by the shepherds and wise men.

Last of all, place Jesus in the manger (on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day).



mealtime prayer

Lord God, thank you for the gift of food, family and friends, signs of your love for us. Most of all, thank you for your gift of Jesus. Amen.

Service



As a disciple of Jesus, find ways to be a servant of others in your own home during this busy time of year.

