



## *Mary*

*Luke 2:19, Jeremiah 29:11, Proverbs 3:5-6, Romans 8:28, Proverbs 16:9, Proverbs 19:21, 1 Corinthians 2:9, Isaiah 14:24, Jeremiah 1:5, Luke 1:26-38, Galatians 4:4-5*

- 1. Mary in our skit is a mid-life “Soccer Mom” with two in college and now one in the womb. Her pregnancy is an unplanned for situation that is significantly changing her life, her plans. How do we respond when God’s plans differ from our own? (Jeremiah 29:11, Proverbs 3:5-6, Romans 8:28, 1 Corinthians 2:9)*
- 2. For most of us, this will be our first Christmas with a pandemic playing a role. We have leaned on all the scripture verses listed above for most of 2020. Like Mary we have learned to trust God when things change in a hurry. During this Advent season, how would you describe your level of trust in God? When we trust God, come what may, what do people see?*

3. *Mary's encounter with the Angel Gabriel (Luke 1:26-38) changed her plans. In a sense our plans were changed as well. Mary in our skit, still struggling with her real life situation, saw the character playing Joseph pick up the lamb (a dog wearing a Sherpa blanket) and was reminded that at this moment she needed to allow God to carry her. Do we trust God to carry us and how does that trust change things? If not God, who do we trust?*
4. *What kind of God would come up with family planning like that? The kind of God who would select a virgin girl to be the mom of His only begotten son **and** a God who would choose to change the plans of former soccer mom now in need of a Baby Shower. How might we best relate to a God who brings such change into our lives?*
5. *Looking back on how God has worked in your life, have there been any surprises, any unplanned detours? Sometimes our detours become our "way", often a way less traveled. God's "ways", always a bit different than our own, are part of God's plan to give us hope and a future. Even in this most challenging of years that future includes the capacity to experience and enjoy the glory of Christmas. May we have eyes to see! How do you plan to experience the Glory of Christmas in 2020?*