



**Day 1    Isaiah 9:2 “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.”**

### **Devotion**

God’s promise, that “people who are walking in darkness will see a great light”, is long awaited, powerful and beautiful. Light destroys darkness. The Light, which was promised to the people of Israel, is powerful enough to disseminate the darkness. The birth of Jesus Christ, foretold by prophet Isaiah, is a fulfilment of the precious promise of God. The modern world lays in as much darkness as the ancient world before the birth of Jesus Christ. Evil, lies, disbelief rule the souls of people who do not know Jesus as their Savior. Often, even Christians are drowning in darkness of being offended, feeling down, being betrayed or overwhelmed by other troubles. The spiritual eyes of people cease to see and believe in God’s promises during those downcast times. However, there is a great Light that shines for us and for our families. We are not going to get lost in the darkness. The light of Christmas shows us the way to salvation. Having received the light of God, we must be the light to the world, pointing the way to Jesus Christ, to salvation.

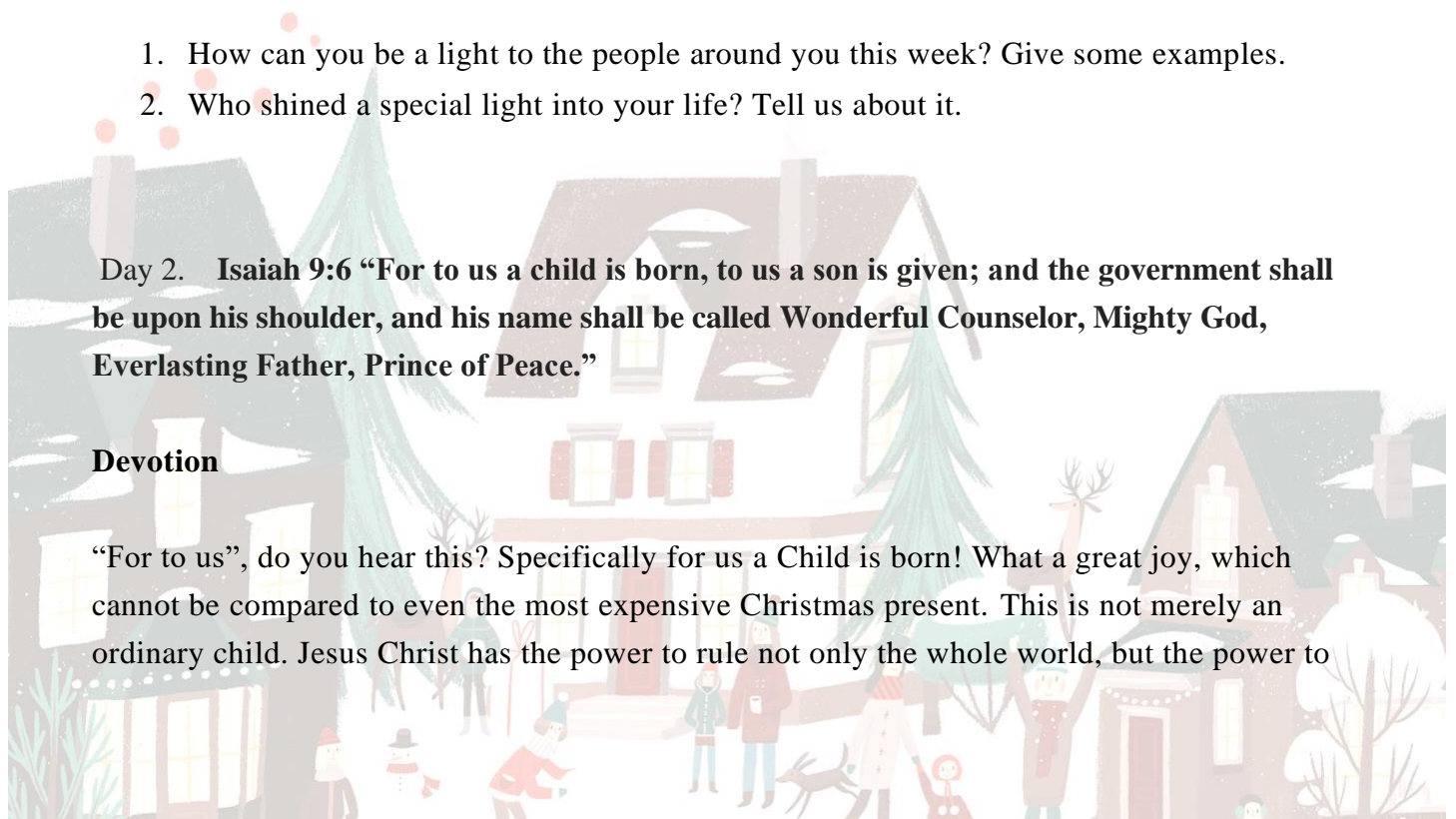
### **Questions:**

1. How can you be a light to the people around you this week? Give some examples.
2. Who shined a special light into your life? Tell us about it.

**Day 2.    Isaiah 9:6 “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”**

### **Devotion**

“For to us”, do you hear this? Specifically for us a Child is born! What a great joy, which cannot be compared to even the most expensive Christmas present. This is not merely an ordinary child. Jesus Christ has the power to rule not only the whole world, but the power to



rule over my heart and yours. He wants me to submit to His rule wholeheartedly and willingly. May our worries and doubts be healed by knowing that every little detail of our lives is under the careful control of Jesus Christ. Let us not be troubled by anything. Moreover, the Child who is Jesus Christ is called Wonderful Counselor. Every difficult situation that we are placed in, Jesus Christ is already there! All we have to do is come to Him for counsel, before we seek it from anywhere else. Our God is a Mighty God! Let us remember who the source of our strength is, especially when we are tired and worn out. Our strength is in the Mighty power of God. Through Jesus Christ we have everything we need to be peacemakers. The King of Peace guides us to deny and humble ourselves for the sake of peace in our hearts and peace with others.

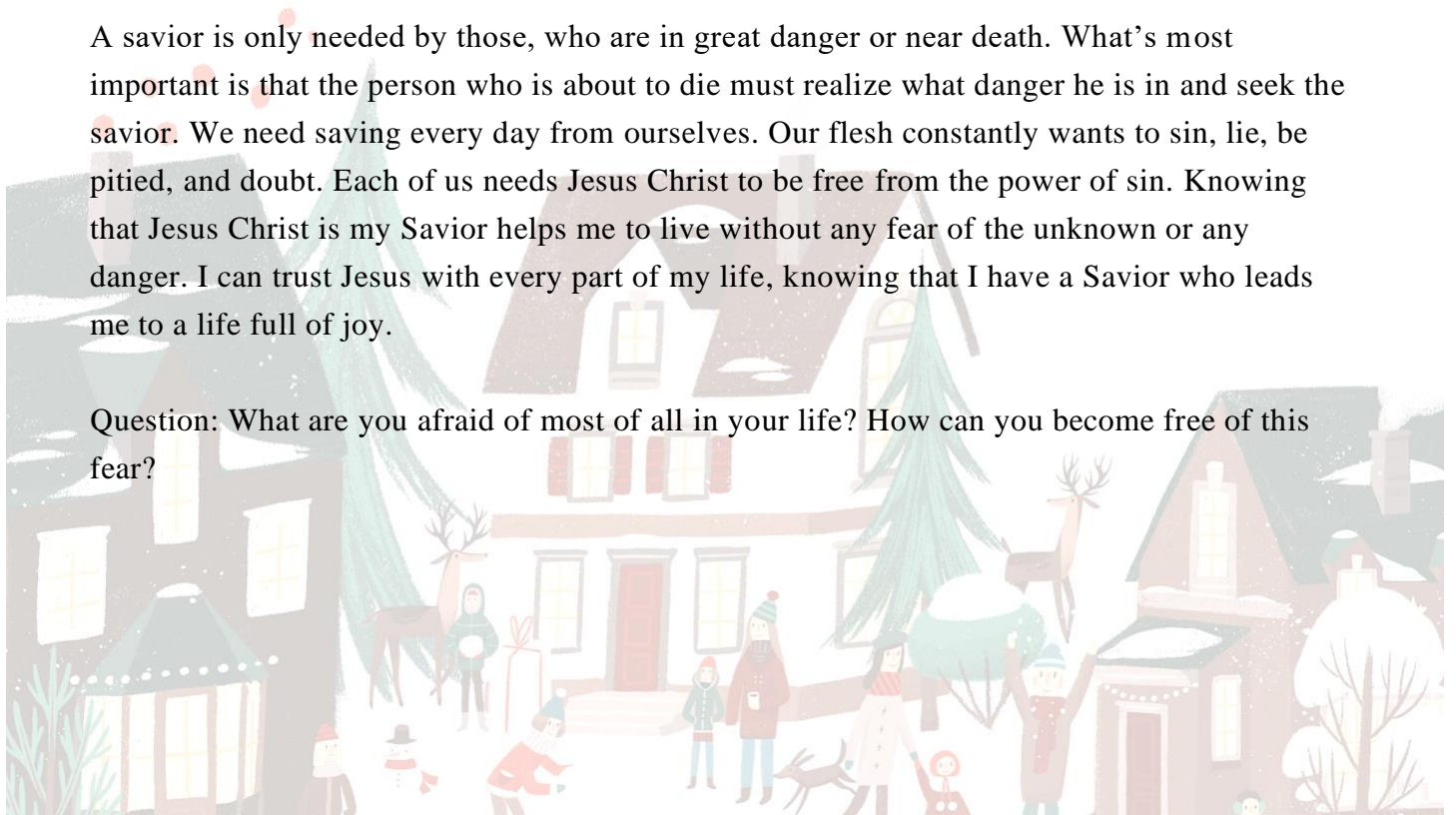
**Question:** What are you struggling with today? You have the Wonderful Counselor who is able comfort and counsel you through it. Pray to Him about your problem and believe that He will come to the rescue.

**Day 3. Isaiah 12:2 “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid;  
for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.”**

**Devotion:**

A savior is only needed by those, who are in great danger or near death. What's most important is that the person who is about to die must realize what danger he is in and seek the savior. We need saving every day from ourselves. Our flesh constantly wants to sin, lie, be pitied, and doubt. Each of us needs Jesus Christ to be free from the power of sin. Knowing that Jesus Christ is my Savior helps me to live without any fear of the unknown or any danger. I can trust Jesus with every part of my life, knowing that I have a Savior who leads me to a life full of joy.

**Question:** What are you afraid of most of all in your life? How can you become free of this fear?



Day 4. **Isaiah 43:11: “I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no savior.”**

**Devotion:**



God declares that there is only ONE savior. Our modern world offers many ways; they say can lead to God. But this cannot be true. There is only ONE true way to heaven. Jesus Christ is the only way that leads people to God, to heaven. Only through Jesus Christ a person can be saved and brought to heaven.

**Question:** Name a few distractions that this world offers that lead a person away from God.

Day 5. **Isaiah 42:6: “I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations.”**

**Devotion:**

The birth of Jesus Christ completely changed the world for Gentiles. This is the time of salvation. Now, not only the Israelites, but the Gentiles have access to God. This became possible only through the birth of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. What a great privilege it is for us, Gentiles to be reconciled with God through Jesus Christ. Now we too are able to come to God and receive His great love, mercy and forgiveness of our sins.

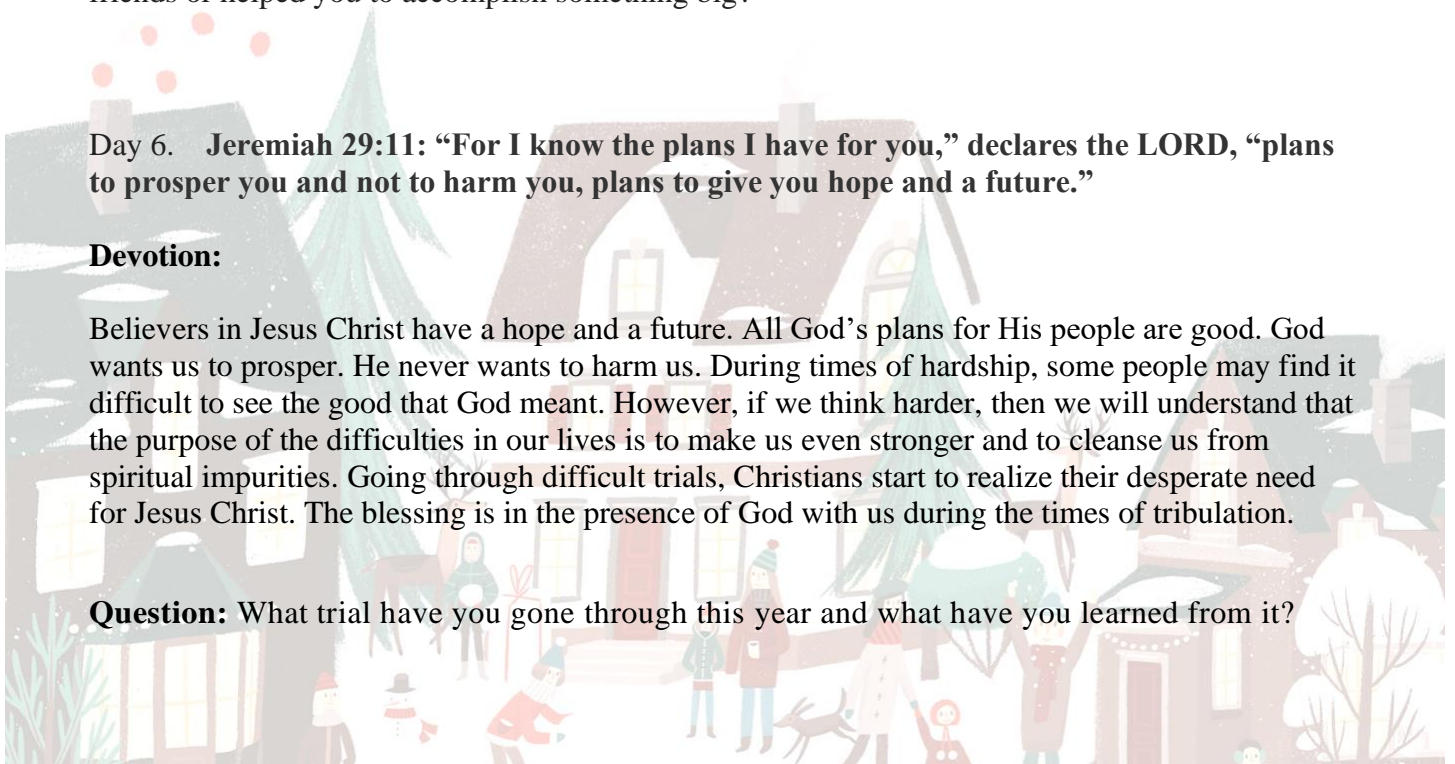
**Question:** Have you ever benefited by knowing a person who led you into an important circle of friends or helped you to accomplish something big?

Day 6. **Jeremiah 29:11: “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”**

**Devotion:**

Believers in Jesus Christ have a hope and a future. All God’s plans for His people are good. God wants us to prosper. He never wants to harm us. During times of hardship, some people may find it difficult to see the good that God meant. However, if we think harder, then we will understand that the purpose of the difficulties in our lives is to make us even stronger and to cleanse us from spiritual impurities. Going through difficult trials, Christians start to realize their desperate need for Jesus Christ. The blessing is in the presence of God with us during the times of tribulation.

**Question:** What trial have you gone through this year and what have you learned from it?



Day 7. **Isaiah 53:3: “He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.”**

### Devotion

It happened to be that Israelites did not recognize Jesus Christ as the Messiah they had been waiting for. Even to this day, Jews are still waiting for Him. Nevertheless, God has revealed the true Messiah and His birth to us. Jesus Christ was born, He suffered and was crucified, died on the cross and was buried. Jesus arose on the third day and then ascended to heaven. He is coming again to take his children to heaven! Jesus Christ took on the flesh and came to earth. He suffered unjustly and now can sympathize with us in our suffering.

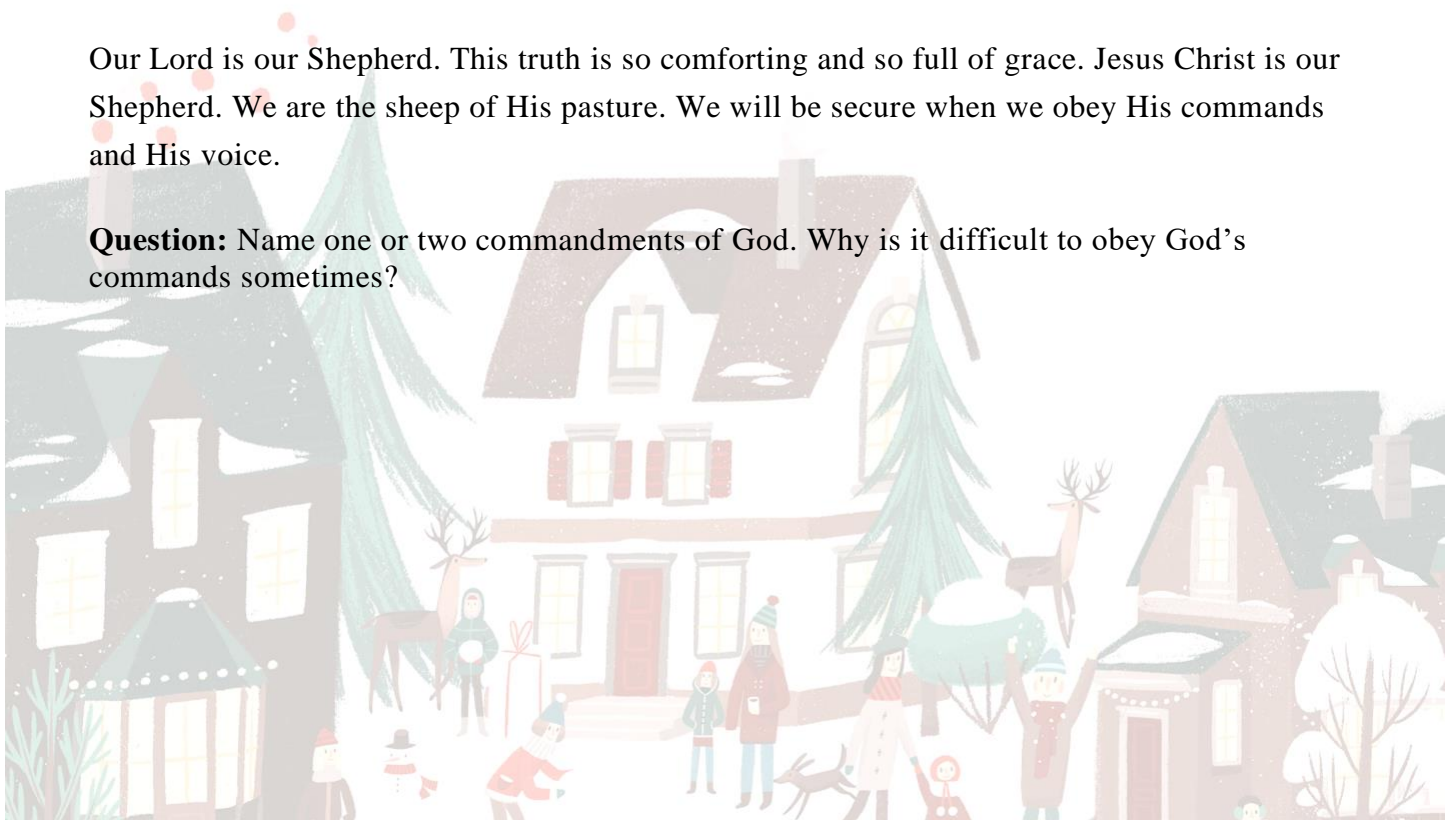
**Question:** When were you sick last time? What was the most difficult about that situation? What helped you to overcome the illness and the difficulty you experienced?

Day 8. **Micah 5:4: “And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.”**

### Devotion

Our Lord is our Shepherd. This truth is so comforting and so full of grace. Jesus Christ is our Shepherd. We are the sheep of His pasture. We will be secure when we obey His commands and His voice.

**Question:** Name one or two commandments of God. Why is it difficult to obey God's commands sometimes?





Day 9. **Matthew 1:21: “She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”**



### **Devotion:**

Jesus Christ came to save his people. Who are his people? Ephesians 2:13: “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.” Our faith in Jesus Christ, in the cleansing power of his blood makes us “His”. It is a great privilege that Jesus calls us his own. This is why we celebrate Christmas. This is where our joy comes from. We are saved from our sins and God calls us his own.

### **Questions:**

1. Whom do you call “your own” in life? Why?
2. What sin do you need to have forgiveness from today?

Day 10. **Matthew 1:22–23: “All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” which means, God with us.”**

### **Devotion**

Loneliness is an uncomfortable way of life. Most people do not like to be lonely. Christian people never have to worry about being lonely because Jesus Christ is called Immanuel, which means God with us! We are never alone, Jesus Christ is with us always. He was born to be with us. May this truth comfort each one of us, especially when we are tempted to feel lonely and abandoned by everyone.

**Question:** Have you ever felt lonely? What has helped you overcome that feeling?



Day 11. **Isaiah 7:14: “Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”**



Devotion:

One of the meanings of the word “sign” in the Hebrew language means - a miracle. The birth of Jesus Christ is a miracle. Every little detail of Christ’s birth is miraculous and amazing. It starts with virgin Mary, who is miraculously bearing the baby and giving birth the Savior of the whole world in a modest manger. The God-man is born, the one who came so that we would never be alone! God with us!

**Question:** Are there miracles in our day and age? Can you share about a miracle that you had in your life?

Day 12. **Luke 1:32–33: “He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”**

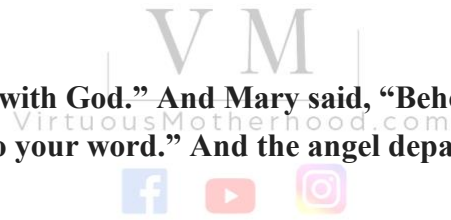
Devotion

Jesus Christ was born by the virgin Mary, who was a descendant of King David. The prophecy was fulfilled. Christ reigns not only for a certain period of time but forever. This is the God we serve. Jesus Christ was born so that He could take up the sins of all people and die on the cross. Jesus declared victory over death. The Kingdom of Jesus Christ begins in the hearts of Christians here on earth. We must kneel before Christ and worship Him as our King and our Lord here and now.

**Question:** How can you start building God’s kingdom in your heart here and now?



Day 13. **Luke 1:37–38:** “For nothing will be impossible with God.” And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.”



### Devotion

Every word of God will be fulfilled. Every word of God has power and performs what God meant for it to do even in our days. That’s why it is so important to read the Bible every day. The Word of God is the power for our everyday life. Mary’s answer is a humble and obedient agreement to serve the will of God. Mary calls herself “the servant of the Lord”. This is a sign of her humble heart. Mary is called “favored” in the Bible for her wholehearted submission to the will of God.

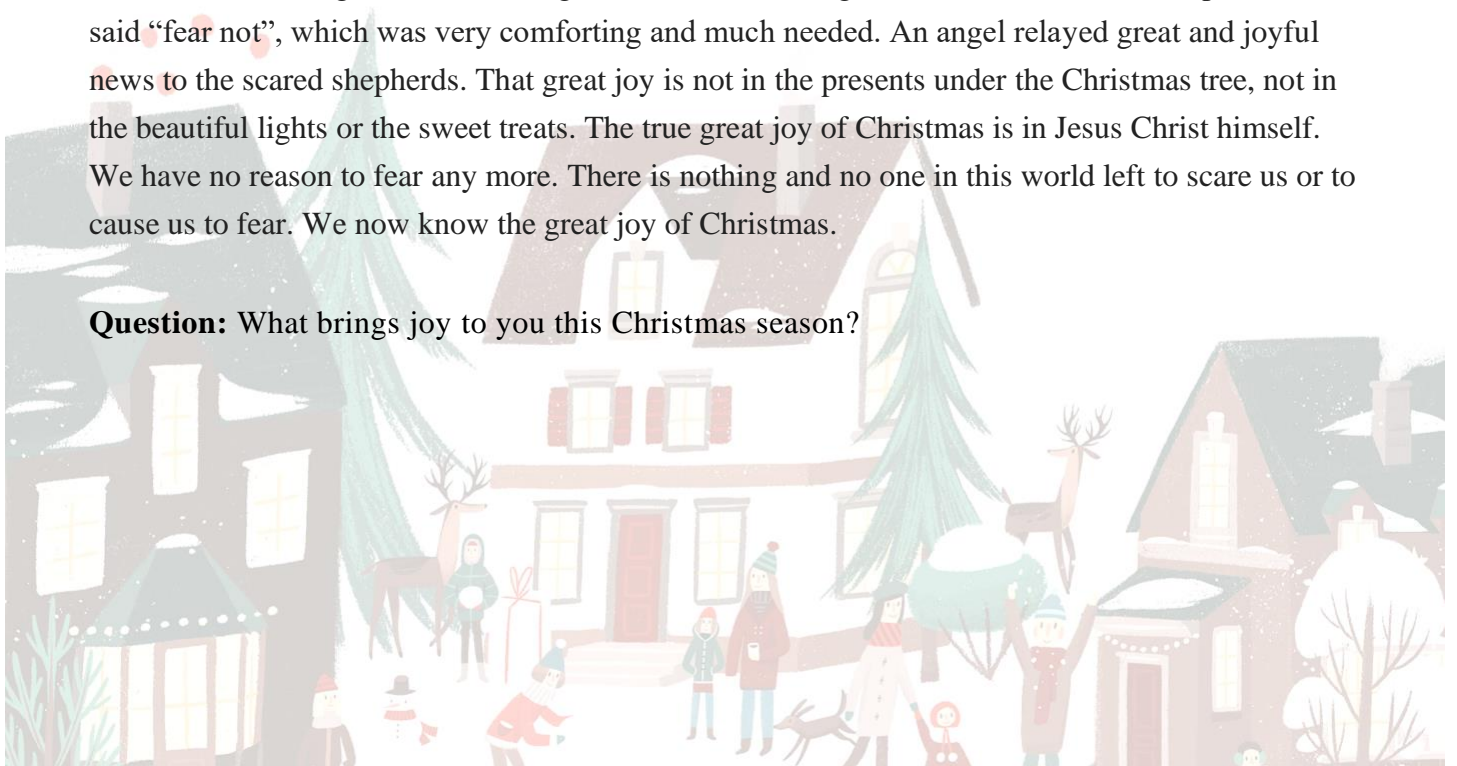
**Question:** Have you ever had trouble obeying the will of God? What helped you to do it anyways?

Day 14. **Luke 2:9–10:** “And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.”

### Devotion

Why did the shepherds get scared? Suddenly there appeared a very bright light in the dark sky and a whole choir of angels started to sing. Then, one of the angels started to talk to the shepherds. He said “fear not”, which was very comforting and much needed. An angel relayed great and joyful news to the scared shepherds. That great joy is not in the presents under the Christmas tree, not in the beautiful lights or the sweet treats. The true great joy of Christmas is in Jesus Christ himself. We have no reason to fear any more. There is nothing and no one in this world left to scare us or to cause us to fear. We now know the great joy of Christmas.

**Question:** What brings joy to you this Christmas season?



Day 15. **Luke 2:12–14:** “And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

### **Devotion**

The singing of angels is majestic and heavenly. The angels are proclaiming some pretty unique news. First of all, they praise God. We too must learn to praise God for Jesus Christ. Then angels sing about the peace that is present among people, who love God. This kind of peace can only be found in the presence of Jesus, and blessing in turn comes from the peace in your heart. Nothing and no one can give you such a feeling. Peace and blessings, what a beautiful sound!

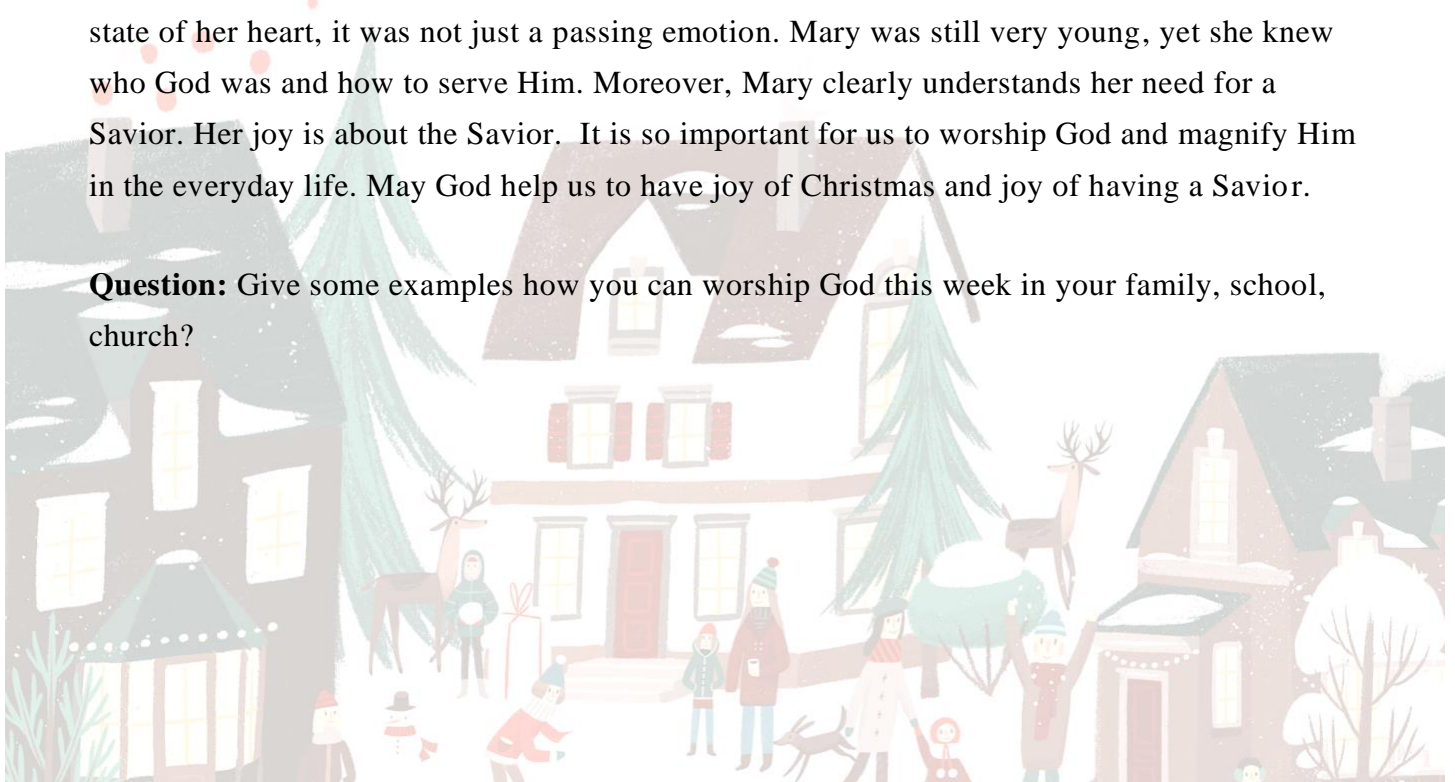
**Question:** Share a story from your life when you experienced peace in your heart.

Day 16. **Luke 1:46–47:** “And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior”

### **Devotion:**

Mary’s words come from the bottom of her heart. God chose her to become the Mother of Jesus Christ and her soul magnifies the Lord. Magnifying and worshipping the Lord was the state of her heart, it was not just a passing emotion. Mary was still very young, yet she knew who God was and how to serve Him. Moreover, Mary clearly understands her need for a Savior. Her joy is about the Savior. It is so important for us to worship God and magnify Him in the everyday life. May God help us to have joy of Christmas and joy of having a Savior.

**Question:** Give some examples how you can worship God this week in your family, school, church?





Day 17. **1 John 1:9: “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”**



**John 12:46: “I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.”**

**Devotion:**

A person of light must be enlightened by the Word of God. Daily Bible reading brings light to the heart of every reader and makes him and her be the light to others. If you are not reading the Word of God daily yet just try it! Once you start, you will experience the sweet taste of God’s Word. Bible reading lifts up the dark cover of anxiety and upset spirit from every heart and soul. The beautiful Light of Christmas makes every darkness escape- if only we believe the Word of God and love Him with all our heart.

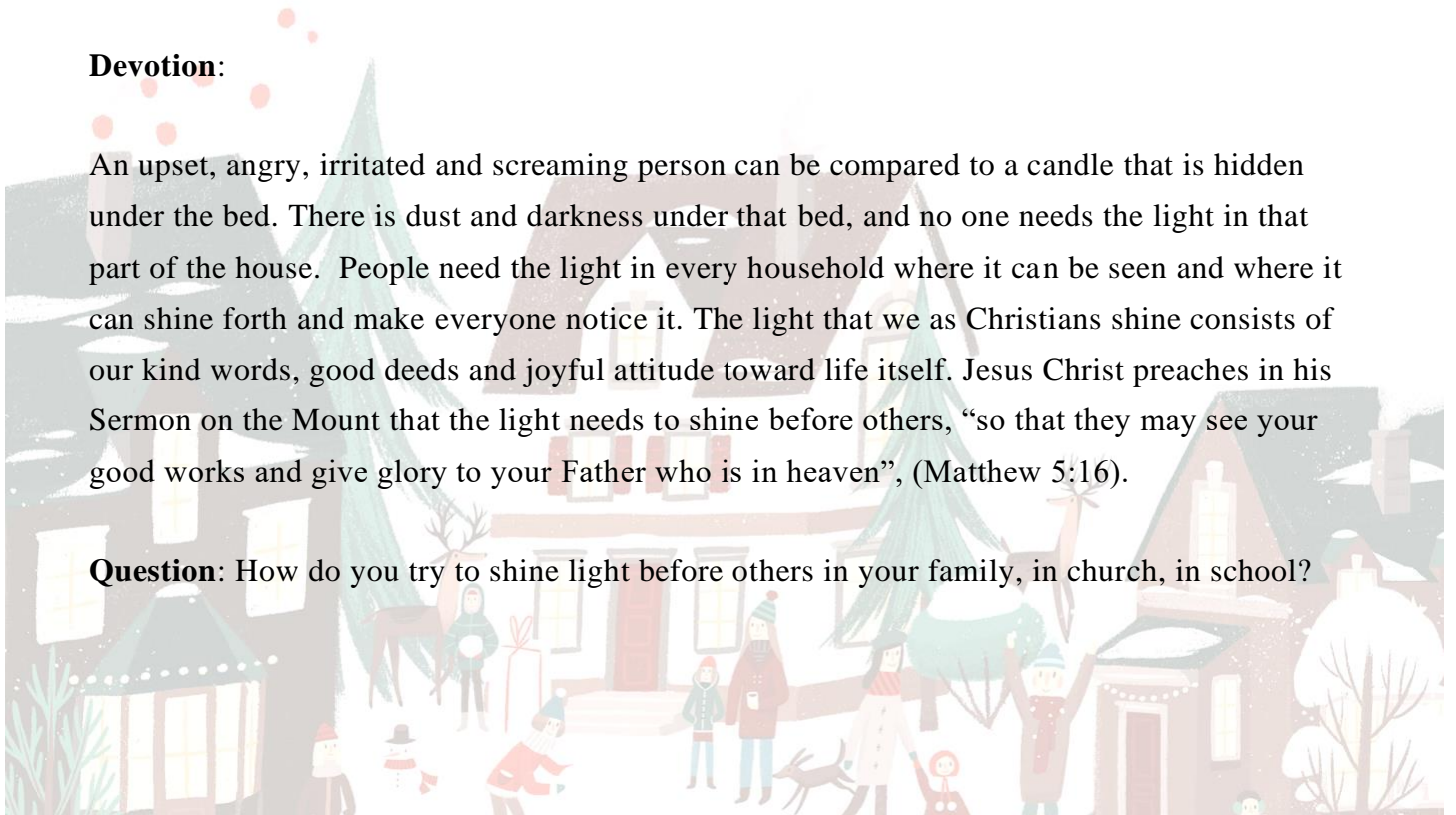
**Question:** Please, share how do you read your Bible? If you are not reading it every day, what can you do to make it a daily habit?

Day 18. **Matthew 5:14–16: “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”**

**Devotion:**

An upset, angry, irritated and screaming person can be compared to a candle that is hidden under the bed. There is dust and darkness under that bed, and no one needs the light in that part of the house. People need the light in every household where it can be seen and where it can shine forth and make everyone notice it. The light that we as Christians shine consists of our kind words, good deeds and joyful attitude toward life itself. Jesus Christ preaches in his Sermon on the Mount that the light needs to shine before others, “so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven”, (Matthew 5:16).

**Question:** How do you try to shine light before others in your family, in church, in school?



Day 19. **John 1:4–5: “In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”**



**Devotion:**

Why is Christmas referred to as the Holiday of Light? It's not because of Christmas lights that we put up all over our homes and streets. The real reason has to do with the birth of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Sometimes people spend a lot of time and energy to fight the bad, the dark, the evil. They have a tendency to see everything and everyone in the negative light. People constantly seek to change others, to make others become something else. Yet, the most important thing everyone has to realize is that instead of changing everyone else, we need to shine like the beautiful candles with God's truth and grace. The light of Christmas is powerful to disseminate every darkness that is around us.

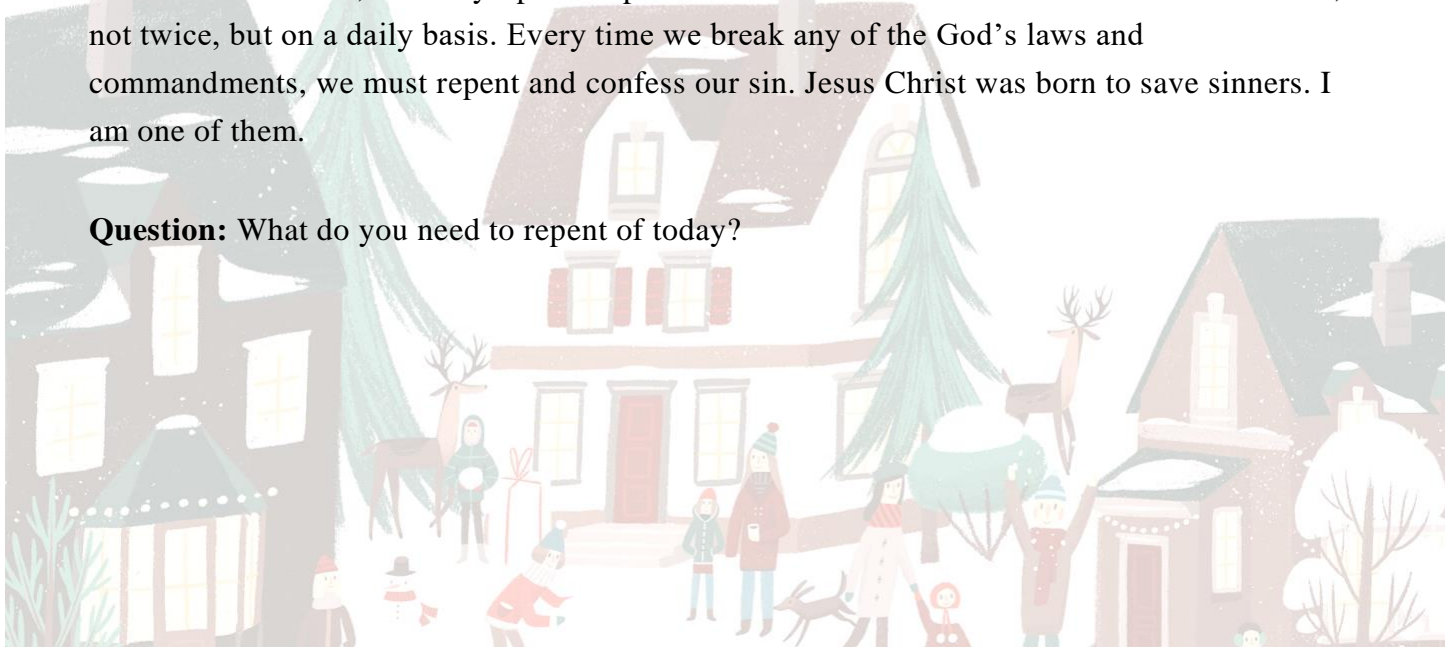
**Question:** Whom can you shine light even today?

Day 20. **1 Timothy 1:15: “The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.”**

**Devotion:**

The truth about who Jesus Christ is must become the real light in my life. When I understand who Jesus is, I start to see myself as a sinner, who needs a Savior. Often people find it very difficult to find the need for repentance. They just don't see what sins they have and are ignorant about the need to repent. It seems to them, that they are pretty good people and are ok as it is. However, the Holy Spirit helps us to realize our need to confess our sins not once, not twice, but on a daily basis. Every time we break any of the God's laws and commandments, we must repent and confess our sin. Jesus Christ was born to save sinners. I am one of them.

**Question:** What do you need to repent of today?



Day 21. **Matthew 3:3: “For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’”**



**Devotion:**

To accept Jesus Christ in your heart, you must prepare for His coming. How do you exactly do that? John the Baptist preached in the desert and said that people needed to make straight paths for the Lord. Straight path for the Lord in our heart means a heart free of sin. The Bible clearly states that “the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick”, (Jer. 17:9). Until you and I come to an understanding that we are perishing sinners and are in desperate need for the Savior, we will not be able to make a way for the Lord into our heart.

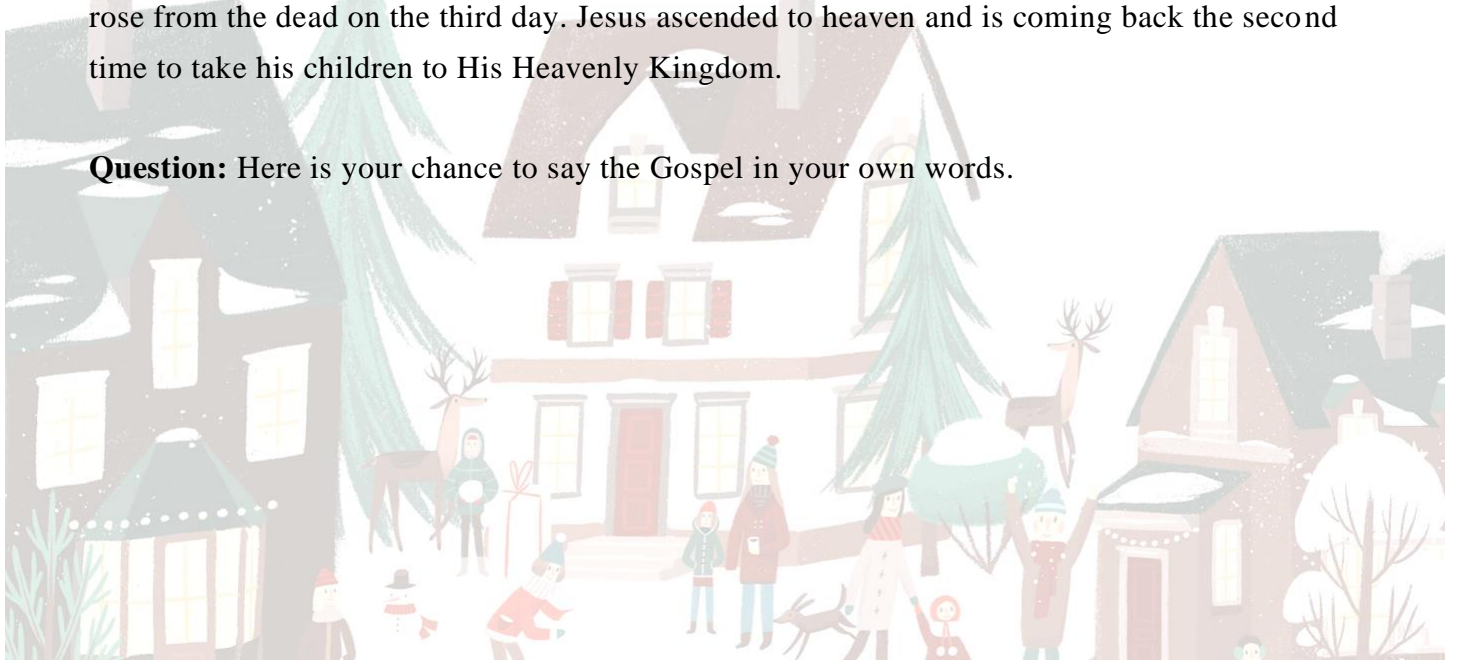
**Question:** What do you need to make straight in your life to prepare the way for Jesus Christ into your heart?

Day 22. **Acts 2:36: “Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”**

**Devotion:**

We are so privileged that our Savior, Jesus Christ was born to be crucified and to die for our sins. He died for us. Jesus Christ saved us and cleansed us from every unrighteous deed we have ever done. Now we must remember the Gospel of Jesus Christ and tell the Gospel to others. This is the Gospel: Jesus Christ was born as a baby and become like one of us. He was crucified for our sins and died on the cross for our transgressions. He was buried and then rose from the dead on the third day. Jesus ascended to heaven and is coming back the second time to take his children to His Heavenly Kingdom.

**Question:** Here is your chance to say the Gospel in your own words.



Day 23. 1 Peter 1:3: **“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead”**



**Devotion:**

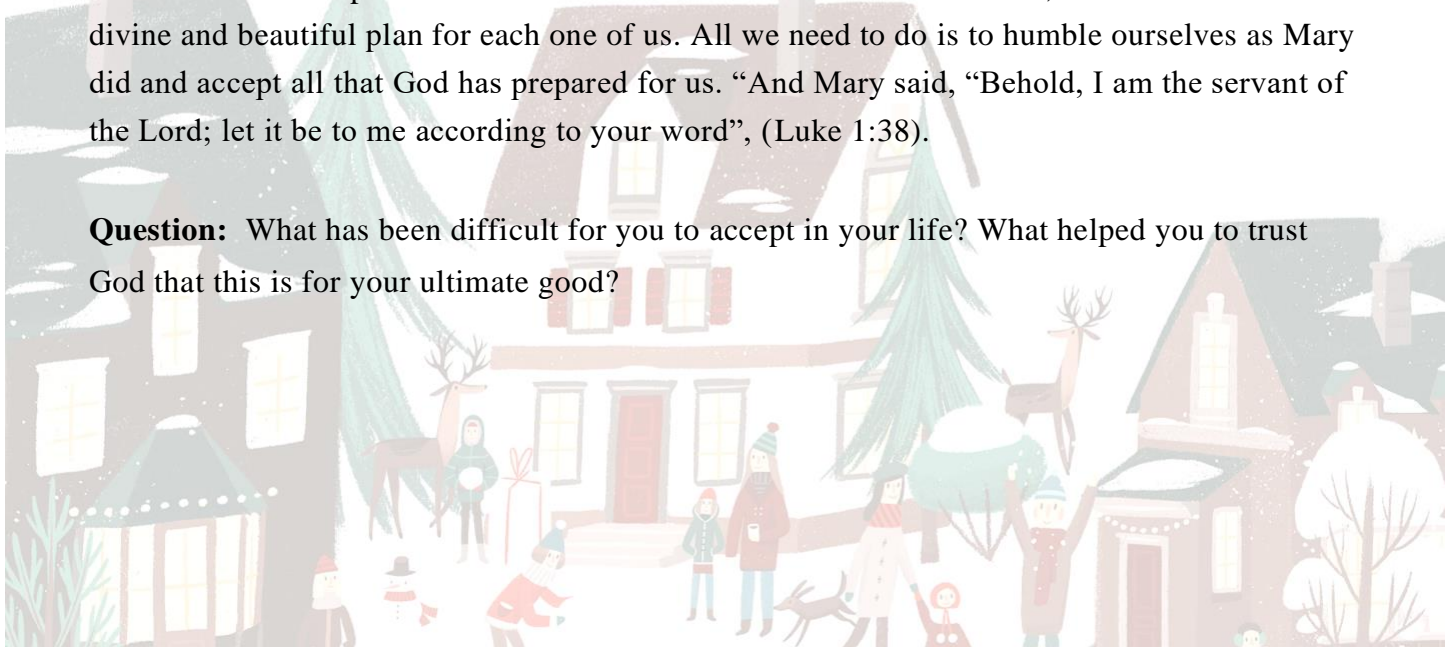
God reveals His mercy to us in the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Christ was born to suffer and to die for us. However, Jesus Christ was risen from the dead. He is risen indeed! The fact that Jesus resurrected from the dead means that He is powerful to bring us from death to life. We have the living hope in Jesus. What does it mean to have living hope? It means that you and I can live without any doubt. Living hope means patient and confident waiting for God's promises. This living hope is especially precious when we go through very difficult life moments. The hope of Jesus Christ lifts us up and carries through the most challenging times. This is very precious.

**Question:** Do you find it easy to put your hope in Jesus? Why not?

Day 24. Luke 2:6–7: **“And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.”**

**Devotion:** Finally, the day that the prophets proclaimed, which was awaited by the virgin Mary and the day that we all waited for all year long is here! The Birth of Jesus Christ did not take place in a palace to the great disappointment of Jewish people. Jesus Christ was born in a simple manger. We often have certain expectations about how things should go in our life. We create intricate plans of how our life will be in the future. However, God has His own divine and beautiful plan for each one of us. All we need to do is to humble ourselves as Mary did and accept all that God has prepared for us. “And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word”, (Luke 1:38).

**Question:** What has been difficult for you to accept in your life? What helped you to trust God that this is for your ultimate good?





Day 25. **Luke 2:19: “But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.”**

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**Devotion:**



Now that we have learned so much about Jesus Christ, we must “treasure up all these things” in our hearts so that we may live in the constant expectation of the second coming of our Savior the Lord. Moreover, we must tell other people the good news about our Savior. We must be the witnesses of Christ to others in our words and actions. May our life reflect the true beauty of the Gospel, joy, peace and grace. We are not alone, Jesus is with us here and now: “And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age”, (Mat.28:20).

**Question:** How can you excel in knowing Jesus even more in the upcoming year?

