

11. *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 nothing is impossible with God.*" (Lk. 1:36-37)

12. This is the God who finds us. This is the God who gave us His Son, Immanuel – *God with us*. This is the God who gives and protects life through His Spirit. This is the God who provides companionship for our days (good and bad) on this earth.

13. *"I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said."*
(Lk. 1:37-38)

14. What's your "impossible" this Christmas that our Lord wants to remind you is not impossible with Him?

Study Notes

DISCUSSION

1. What is your favorite Christmas song?

2. What are you most excited about this Christmas season? What has you most worried?

BIBLE

3. Read and compare Lk. 1:18 (Zechariah's question) and Lk. 1:34 (Mary's question). How are these questions similar and how are they different? Compare the answers given to the questions. How would you explain the difference?

4. Read Lk. 1:41, 67, 80; 2:25, 26, 27. These are all references to the Holy Spirit? Why is this so important? What implications would there be for our faith if we were to deny the virgin birth of Christ?

APPLICATION

5. How will you provide a space in your life for God to work in you to do the impossible? What steps will you take?

6. How will you provide for someone else this Christmas: Chilliwack Community Services, Cyrus Centre, Ruth and Naomi's Mission, Salvation Army, Mennonite Central Committee, Child Sponsorship, Mexico Team Member, Reverse 12 Days of Christmas? Other?



SUNDAY DECEMBER 4, 2016

SUNDAY WORSHIP @ G. W. Graham Secondary School
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KNOW *Sunday Morning.* KIDZONE: Please meet in the big gym this a.m. (for the first 15 minutes of *Kidzone*) to talk about CHRISTMAS EVE! : YOUTH meet in the DANCE ROOM (left at the top of the foyer stairs) – AFTER the second set of worship music: ADULTS meet in the small gym.

GROW KIDZONE: Family Movie Matinee - *The Peanuts Movie*. THANKS for your non-perishable food donations to the FOOD BANK last Sunday and your support of our Girls Bible Study concession (\$118.50 was raised towards the cost of the Christmas Hamper they are building for *Adopt-A-Family*).

YOUTH: *Thursday Dec. 8, 7-9:30 p.m.* – CHRISTMAS PROGRESSIVE DINNER! Drop off @ 47345 Swallow Cres. Pick up at Decades Coffee Shop. Cost: \$5.

ADULTS: Check out our website for a complete listing of our *Life Groups*.

CYRUS CENTRE CHRISTMAS: THANKS to all of our families who make meals in support of Cyrus Ctr. (caring for needy youth in our city). If you are able and feel led – the Ctr. would be grateful to receive hoodies, pajamas, gift cards, socks, gloves as Christmas gifts for youth. You can drop your gift off at the Ctr. or contact Debby Visser (604-798-3311) to do so on your behalf.

THE ARMY NEEDS YOU! There are a # ways we can help the SALVATION ARMY this Christmas season: Kettle volunteer (applications @ the INFO. table), Adopt-A-Family Christmas Hamper (contact the CARE AND SHARE CTR. by Dec. 9 to put a hamper together), delivery of Christmas Hampers on Dec. 21 and 22 (contact Alf Kolkman @ 604-991-2255 to help).

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE: 5 p.m. @ GW Graham. *Come to the Manger* - the **Call of Christmas** ends at the manger. Come – sing some Christmas Carols, witness the Christmas story as told by our *Kidzone* kids, and take up your calling to tell our world that GOD IS HERE!

NEW YEAR'S DAY FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE. Crawl out of bed. We'll have the coffee brewing! We'll sing and pray. And - Erin Greg, and Rob will share a kid-friendly bible teaching. It's going to be AWESOME!

GIVE Please contact Erin, Greg, or Rob to do a GIFTS INVENTORY (or go online at **gifttest.org**) to see how you might use your gifts in service of others!

Ways to Give:

1. CASH or CHEQUE. Take an offering envelope from the INFO. table, put your name on the envelope (to be receipted), and place your offering in the offering basket during the worship service.
2. PUSH PAY—on our website (under GIVE) or download our CHURCH APP.
3. PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT. Pls. contact *Barb Kolkman* at **barb@crossroadscommunity.ca** for more info.

GO *We are Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us* (2 Cor. 5:20). Listen. Ask questions. Share your stories.

The Call of Christmas

The Story of Mary: PROVIDE

Sunday Dec. 4, 2016

1. *In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth...* (Lk. 1:26)

2. *"Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"* (Jn 1:46)

3. God sees us, He knows where we are, and He knows how to get a message to us. Are we prepared to hear from Him?

4. *... the Lord himself will give you a sign: the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel* (Is. 7:14).

5. *The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you* (Luke 1:28).

6. *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"* (Lk. 1:29-33).

7. The Call of Christmas for Mary was a call to provide for what God had decided. She provided herself, and God would do the rest.

8. *"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"* (Lk. 1:34)

9. *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* (Lk. 1:35).

10. *"The Holy Spirit will come upon Mary, enabling her (as the Spirit always does) to do and be more than she could by herself. But at the same time, the 'power of the Most High' will overshadow her. This is something different: God Himself, the Creator, will surround her completely with his sovereign power."* N.T. Wright