

## BIG IDEA

**Saying yes to God opens the door to the impossible.**

## WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

What is your favorite movie? What is it that you love about it?

**Read Luke 1:5-20 and Luke 1:26-38.** Compare and contrast the responses of Zechariah and Mary. Why do you think Luke chose to tell the story the way he did?

What is significant about God's choice of Mary as the mother of Jesus?

**Read Luke 1:46-55.** What key words stand out to you in Mary's song? What does Mary's song reveal about her understanding of the incarnation?

Where in this story do you see God doing what seems impossible? Generate as many ideas as you can.

## WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

What criteria do you use to determine whether someone is favored by God? How does your criteria compare to God's?

**Re-read Luke 1:28.** Imagine yourself in Mary's position. What is your response? How easy is it for you to believe that you are "highly favored" by God? Why?

Dig deep. Where in your life do you believe that God cannot do the "impossible"?

## WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

How would you live differently if you saw yourself as "highly favored" rather than as disqualified?

Has God been laying something on your heart lately? What is it? What are you going to do about it?

**Read Proverbs 3:5-6.** In what ways are you relying on yourself? Is there room in your life for God to speak to you? What are some changes you can make this week in order to be more accessible to God?

Commit to memorizing this passage between now and next week.

