



INTRODUCTION:

What are you doing for the Holidays? Where are you going, who are you hanging out with?

TAKE A LOOK AT THE BOOK

Read Luke 1:26-38

What was the angels' message?

How did Mary respond to the angels' message?

Read Matthew 1:18-25

What was the angels' message?

How did Joseph respond to the angels' message?

Think about what you know about the culture of Mary and Joseph's day. What do you think was the hardest part of obeying the Lord for Mary and/or Joseph?

Joseph and Mary each gave up things, they gave up the perception of their purity, they gave up the freedom to have their baby close to home. What motivated them to do this? Look back at both interactions with Joseph, Mary and Gabriel to answer this question.

TAKE IT HOME:

What is holding you back from “giving yourself” in your home, neighborhood, community or workplace?

What can you do to overcome those obstacles?