

## **GOD HAS LANDED THE STORY, CHAPTER 22**

*Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.' Matthew 1:23*

### **Questions for Discussion**

1. Share about a time when you had a WOW moment that took your breath away (e.g. seeing something beautiful in creation, a special memory or significant event). Take 30 seconds, close your eyes, and just imagine yourself with Mary and Joseph, as you held Jesus, the Savior of the world.
2. Mary and Joseph were asked to do something that would have been difficult for other people to understand. Has God ever asked you to do something that your families or friends wouldn't understand? What was that like?
3. Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem to be included in the census. This was very inconvenient for a full term pregnant bride. In the Lower Story, this seemed like a hardship. In the Upper Story, God was fulfilling a prophecy that had been spoken hundreds of years earlier. Can you recall a time where life seemed very confusing on the outside, but looking back, you can see how God was working in your life?
4. Choosing Jesus means letting Him have access to every area of your life. Is there an area where you inevitably like to take back control from Jesus?
  - a) Free time
  - b) Work life
  - c) School life
  - d) Marriage
  - e) The way I speak
  - f) Giving too much power to negative emotions
  - g) Kids
  - h) Finances
  - i) Thought life
  - j) Living healthy (diet, exercise, sleep, entertainment)

More on Back...

5. God gives us what our heart is ready to receive? What do you need more of today? What is He asking you to give Him?

I need more –

- a) Peace
- b) Joy
- c) Trust
- d) To feel safe
- e) Financial provision
- f) To know that I'm saved
- g) Love for myself
- h) Hope that it's not too late; that there is a future

I need to give up –

- a) Fear
- b) Unbelief
- c) Unforgiveness
- d) Doubt
- e) Shame
- f) Hopelessness