

Private and Family Worship

For use during the week of December 15

Read: Matthew 1:23

Reflect on these questions and discuss them with your family:

- We see Joseph's obedience in how he responds to a seemingly impossible situation: the miraculous conception. How can we trust God's Word today, despite the world pointing us toward unbelief?
- In American culture, a majority of people celebrate Christmas. How can we be different in the way we celebrate the birth of Jesus, rather than celebrating Christmas lights, presents, and Santa?
- If you have never heard of the miraculous conception and the humble birth of Jesus, pray that you will believe. If you have heard this good news, pray that the Lord would give you fresh ears to hear it like you're hearing it for the first time.

Sing this Hymn: "Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)"

You can find the music here: bit.ly/cljesclyrics

Pray

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let Your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

[from *The Book of Common Prayer*]