

## THE PAUSE THAT BRINGS GOOD NEWS

### 1. PAUSE TO \_\_\_\_\_

*This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Matthew 1:18 (NLT)***

*Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often. **Luke 2:19 (NLT)***

*Mary responded, "Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior! For he took notice of his lowly servant girl, and from now on all generations will call me blessed. For the Mighty One is holy, and he has done great things for me. **Luke 1:46-49 (NLT)***

### 2. PAUSE TO \_\_\_\_\_

*Joseph, her fiancé, was a good man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly. As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. **Matthew 1:19-20 (NLT)***

*Wise people think before they act; fools don't—and even brag about their foolishness. **Proverbs 13:16 (NLT)***

*"Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." **Matthew 1:21 (NLT)***

### 3. PAUSE TO \_\_\_\_\_

*All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet: "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 1:22, 23 (NLT)***

*So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most. **Hebrews 4:14-16 (NLT)***