

## Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 17, 2017

### Praise

#### **Call to Worship** *(everyone together)*

For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9.6

#### **“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”** *(read or sing these words together)*

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth;

*Refrain:*

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

### Hearing and Learning God's Word

#### **Scripture Reading:** Luke 1.26-38 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

#### **Questions for Discussion** *(may be answered in one worship time or spread over several times)*

1. Why was Mary fearful?
2. What did Gabriel say would happen to her?
3. What does it mean that she was shown favor?
4. List all the things that Gabriel says about the Child she will deliver:
5. How does Mary show that she has faith?
6. How can all of this happen?

#### **Questions for older children**

1. When have you experienced fear in your relationship with God?
2. Why was Mary shown favor?
3. Why is it wrong to worship Mary?
4. What gave Mary the strength to believe?
5. Discuss the role of the Holy Spirit in all that Luke has recorded.

#### **Scripture Memory for December:** *(memorize this passage of Scripture this month)*

Luke 2.15-20

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”<sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Baby lying in a manger.<sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this Child.<sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.<sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.<sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

### Prayer

#### **Prayer** *(saying together)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.