

WHO GOD CHOOSES & USES:

Those God blessed at the first Christmas

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HOW TO BE BLESSED BY GOD THIS CHRISTMAS

1. LIKE JOSEPH:

COOPERATE

“Joseph was a good man and didn’t want to publicly disgrace Mary, so he planned to quietly divorce her. But an angel appeared to him in a dream . . . When Joseph woke up, he did exactly what the angel of the Lord had commanded him to do, and took Mary home as his wife.”

Matthew 1:19-24

2. LIKE THE SHEPHERDS:

CELEBRATE

“The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem and there they found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in a manger. When they had seen him . . . they returned to their fields, singing praises and thanking God for all they had heard and seen, which happened just as the angel had told them.”

Luke 2:16 & 20

3. LIKE MARY:

CONTEMPLATE

“Then the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. Everyone else who heard the shepherds’ story were amazed, but, Mary TREASURED UP all the words she heard and CONTINUED TO QUIETLY PONDER THEM in her heart.”

Luke 2:17-19

4. LIKE THE WISE MEN:

DEDICATE

“When the Wise Men saw the child with his mother Mary, they bowed down and worshipped him! Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold and incense and myrrh. And being warned by God in a dream, they headed home by a different way.”

Matthew 2:11

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