

## THE CHRISTMAS PICTURE PUZZLE

### Piece One – The Angel’s G\_\_\_\_\_ (Lk 1:26-38)

●Hail, f\_\_\_\_\_ one (v. 28a)

1. The root form of the word “favor” in the Greek text is the word for g\_\_\_\_\_
2. This means that Mary possessed no special quality that deserved being God’s c\_\_\_\_\_ to bear the Christ child.

●The Lord is w\_\_\_\_\_ you (v. 28b)

1. Mary would conceive by no human but would remain a v\_\_\_\_\_ until the birth of the child.
2. Mary would conceive by the miraculous power of the Holy S\_\_\_\_\_
3. What would others think? Joseph? Religious leaders? – it did not matter because the Lord was with her! That is why she responded in f\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 38)

### Piece Two – The S\_\_\_\_\_’s Report (Lk 2:8-19)

●An angel announced g\_\_\_\_\_ to the shepherds

1. A S\_\_\_\_\_ has been born in Bethlehem today.
2. He is Christ, the L\_\_\_\_\_

●The shepherd’s report to Mary and Joseph all that they were told and every one w\_\_\_\_\_, but Mary treasured their words and p\_\_\_\_\_ them in her heart!

1. Mary already knew that she would bear the C\_\_\_\_\_
2. Mary already knew that the child would be the S\_\_\_\_\_
3. From the shepherds Mary learned that the child is the Lord
  - a. This is a term of d\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. This is the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew name of G\_\_\_\_\_ – Yahweh (see Rom 10:9,12,13)

### Piece Three – The C\_\_\_\_\_’s Statement (Lk 2:41-51)

●At the age of 12, Jesus went missing for t\_\_\_\_\_ days

1. Jesus’ family traveled about 75 miles to Jerusalem to celebrate P\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 41)
2. After the celebration they left in a caravan of people not noticing that Jesus was not with them. He was in the t\_\_\_\_\_ amazing the Rabbis with His understanding (vv. 43-47)
3. After realizing Jesus was missing they returned to Jerusalem to find him and finally do after three days. Mary s\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus (v.48)

●Jesus defends His actions

1. Did not you k\_\_\_\_\_? (v. 49a)
2. I h\_\_\_\_\_ to be (v. 49b) – a term of absolute necessity
3. In My F\_\_\_\_\_’s house (v. 49c) – more literally, *in the things of my Father*

●Mary responds by treasuring His words and pondering them in her h\_\_\_\_\_ (the tense emphasizes a continual pondering).

**Piece Four – The Lord’s M\_\_\_\_\_ (Jn 19:23-27)**

- Mary watches her son, Jesus d\_\_\_\_\_ - This was how He would be the Savior? (she must have recalled Lk 2:34,35)
- Mary was a w\_\_\_\_\_ of the resurrected Jesus
  1. We find Mary among the 120 believers in Acts 1:14 after the r\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus from the dead.
  2. The puzzle was complete

**Conclusion:**

- It took Mary over \_\_\_\_\_ years to put the pieces together
- To the world, Christmas is still a p\_\_\_\_\_
- To us who have received Christ as our Lord and Savior, the picture is complete – we have reason to celebrate!

*Merry Christmas!*