

# Time is Short.



*Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from Him.*

*Psalm 127:3*



**Getting to Know You:** Share about a special time you spent with your mum when you were a child. What made it special?

1. **Read Psalm 127:3.** What do you think it means that children are both a “gift” and a “reward”? How does that change the way we view parenting or childhood?
2. **Read Luke 1:38.** When was the last time you had to surrender your plans to God’s purpose? What made it difficult or freeing?
3. **Read Luke 2:34–35.** How do you respond when God's plan includes pain or uncertainty? What can we learn from Mary's quiet strength and Simeon's warning?

4. **Read Matthew 13:55–56.** Jesus came from a large family. How might that have shaped His early life? How does your own family background affect your view of responsibility and faith?
5. **Read Luke 2:41–48 (especially v.48).** Mary reacts emotionally when she finds Jesus in the temple. What does this tell us about the tension between worry and trust in parenting—or in life?
6. **Read Luke 1:30–33.** God’s calling for Mary included uncertainty, greatness, and risk. How do you respond when God asks you to step into something overwhelming?
7. **Read Proverbs 16:9.** How do you balance planning ahead with trusting God for the outcome? Have you had a season where your plans were totally redirected?
8. **Read Romans 8:28.** What “unplanned” or even painful events in your life have you seen God use for good? How might God be working in your current season—however hard or chaotic it feels?

