

MARY

HANG OUT (10-15 minutes)

Not everyone will arrive right on time, so it's okay to give yourself a buffer. Put on background music, set out snacks, rearrange furniture to promote conversation, and greet people as they show up. After everybody's arrived you can gather for a game.

ACTIVITY (15-30 minutes)

There's no need to rush through an ice breaker question! People need time to hang out, have fun, and get to know each other better. Think through activities that make memories, induce laughter, create inside jokes, and help the group connect more.

Suggestions: Charades, Heads Up, Codenames, Never Have I Ever, Jack Box

SHIFT (5 minutes)

It's important to make an intentional transition into study & discussion. You can do this by moving rooms, breaking into smaller groups, bringing down the lighting, or changing the background music. This is a crucial step in taking your group deeper.

Suggestions: Head Space / Calm App, Prayer, Change Rooms, Split Up

STUDY (45-60 minutes)

SET THE STAGE - Listen to Luke 1:26-38 using the Dwell App or YouVersion.

ENTER THE STORY - Watch Mary's story here: https://youtu.be/sX_pqkpiNm4

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT ① How do you see yourself in Mary's story?

- ② In what ways have you felt called by God to something scary or uncomfortable?
- ③ Share a situation that you need to hear the words "Nothing is impossible with God."
- ④ How has Jesus turned the world upside down? How have you experienced this?