

CHRISTMAS AT MCC

Choose the format that works with your family:

- Pick a few questions and ask casually during the week, Have a small group discussion at lunch, or Have a small group with your teen and their friends.
- Take what your teens give you, don't force it. Slowly create a culture of authentic conversation.*

LUKE 1:26-38

SURRENDERED

THE TEXT | Luke 1:26-38

PLAY | RED LIGHT GREEN LIGHT | To illustrate having control or not having control, play a few rounds of the classic kids game, RED LIGHT/ GREEN LIGHT. **Lesson Lead In:** How did it feel to be in control? How did it feel for someone else to control your actions? Today, we will see how God used a teenaged girl when she gave up control to Him.

SHARE |

Share a time when you surrendered, but it was a good thing?
What's one situation you always want to be in control?

DISCUSS | Read **LUKE 1:26-38** and discuss:

- What stands out to you?
- What does it reveal about God?
- What does this tell us about our nature?
- What do you like/dislike about this verse?
- What do you need to do about this truth this week?

Use the above questions to discuss any of today's Scriptures.

PRAY |

Ask God to lead you as a family to truth; not to rely only on others thoughts on Scripture, but to lead you to be students of God's Word.

MAKE IT REAL

“What are you trying to control that God wants you to surrender?”

1. WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT IT?
2. WHO WILL HELP YOU DO IT?

CONTROL
VS

SURRENDER

DISCUSS THE STATEMENTS BELOW:

GOD CAN DO MORE THROUGH
YOUR SURRENDER, THAN
YOU CAN DO THROUGH
YOUR CONTROL

THE MORE I OVERESTIMATE
MY ABILITY TO CONTROL,
THE MORE I UNDERESTIMATE
THE GOODNESS OF GOD.

YOU CAN'T CONTROL EVERYTHING,
BUT YOU CAN SURRENDER
EVERYTHING.

AGREE OR DISAGREE
THE DESIRE TO CONTROL IS
ROOTED IN A LACK OF TRUST.

PARENT CHECK |

In today's discussion, your teen may feel like they aren't in control in most life situations, and though as teens there are many authorities over them, helping them see the control they do have or wish they have can help them discover how powerful and good surrendering to God's authority can be in their own life, today and tomorrow.