

# What Child is This?

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### “Chosen Vessels”

**God is looking for the willing not the qualified.**

For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. - 2 Corinthians 8:12 (NIV)

**Willing to give up your way for God’s way.**

Mary responded, “I am the Lord’s servant. May everything you have said about me come true.” And then the angel left her. - Luke 1:38 (NLT)

“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.” - John 14:6 (NLT)

**Willing to abandon the fear of your inability.**

And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.” - Luke 1:34-35 (ESV)

The Lord said, “Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!” “But Lord,” Gideon replied, “how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!” The Lord said, “I will be with you.” - Judges 6:14-16 (NLT)

**With your willingness, God takes your ordinary and makes it extraordinary.**

We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves. We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not despaired. - 2 Corinthians 4:7-8 (NLT)

So I did as he told me and found the potter working at his wheel. But the jar he was making did not turn out as he had hoped, so he crushed it into a lump of clay again and started over. Then the Lord gave me this message: “O Israel, can I not do to you as this potter has done to his clay? As the clay is in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand.” - Jeremiah 18:3-6 (NLT)