

# Christmas Behind the Scenes

There's Something About Mary...

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## Behind The Scenes

*"God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph...The virgin's name was Mary." Luke 1:26-55 (vs. 26-27)*

## THE TYPE OF PERSON GOD USES

### 1. GOD USES PEOPLE WHO DESIRE

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*"Then Mary responded 'My soul praises the Lord, my heart rejoices in God my Savior, because he has shown his concern for his humble servant girl.'" Luke 1:46-48 (NCV)*

*"Mary quietly treasured these things in her heart and often thought about them." Luke 2:19 (LB)*

### 2. GOD USES PEOPLE WHO DECIDE

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*"Mary said, 'I am the Lord's servant, and I am willing to do whatever he wants. May everything you said come true.'" Luke 1:38 (LB)*

### 3. GOD USES PEOPLE WHO DARE

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*"Mary asked the angel, 'But how can I have a baby? I am a virgin.' The angel replied, 'The Holy Spirit shall come upon you, and the power of God shall overshadow you...For every promise from God shall surely come true.'" Luke 1:34-35, 37 (LB)*

*(Elizabeth to Mary) "You believed that God would do what he said; THAT IS WHY he has given you this wonderful blessing."  
Luke 1:45 (LB)*