

The Power of a Memory
Christmas at Gilead
December 22, 2024

- Theme: From the theologian Dr. Seuss... “Sometimes you don’t know the value of a MOMENT until it becomes a memory.” - Luke 2:8-18, 20 NLT
- What did Mary remember? - Luke 2:19 NKJV
 - 1) God’s PROMISES from the past - Luke 1:26-38 NLT
 - ✓ Few things are more memorable than GIVING BIRTH!
 - ✓ Micah’s prophecy 700 years earlier - Micah 5:2 NLT, Luke 2:1-7 TLB
 - ✓ Isaiah’s prophecy - Isaiah 7:14 NLT - God has been WITH ME!
 - 2) God’s PEACE in the present
 - ✓ When visiting Elizabeth/Zechariah’s speech - Luke 1:39-45 NIV
 - ✓ In the middle of CHAOS...Peace - Matthew 2:9-15
 - ✓ Reflect how God used even DISAPPOINTMENTS
 - 3) God’s POWER in the future
 - ✓ Simeon - Luke 2:25-35 NLT
 - *A promise no mother/parent wants to hear
 - ✓ Anna - Luke 2:36-38 NLT
 - *Mary watched her Son be CRUCIFIED then knew Him after He ROSE from the dead.
- Conclusion: God is with you - Ponder it...