



Week 5: oh! The Places You'll Go

MATTHEW 1:22-23, JOHN 1:14

1. Mary and Joseph had both shown great obedience to God, accepting what He wanted them to do, taking on the responsibility as parents to the “Son of the Most High.” As Jesus was born, what do you think Mary and Joseph expected, imagined and anticipated was ahead for their baby?
2. What images come to mind when you hear the word, “Savior”?
3. Read Matthew 1:22-23. God could have appeared to His people in any way He chose to. Why do you think it was important for God to become like us and be born as a baby?
4. Read John 1:14. God Himself coming to Earth in human form means that He understands our struggles. Jesus lived with the temptations, restrictions, and limitations we all face in our world. Does this impact your level of trust that God understands your circumstances? Why or why not?
5. When you think of God being with us, what about God’s character do you appreciate?

6. Dr. Seuss makes this key point in this book, *Oh the Places You'll Go*: Because we have free will, we can choose to go in any direction. Describe your decision-making process. What role does God play in your process? How could you increase His presence in the process?
7. Do you have an example of when you wanted to go one way, but decided to go another way? How did that turn out? What made you change direction?
8. God sent His Son into this world and put a plan in place for us to have a deep and personal relationship with Him. "God with us" means that no matter what we face, He is in it and He will lead us through it. In what situations, circumstances and relationships are you most likely to remember that God is with you? In what situations, circumstances, and relationships are you most likely to forget this?
9. Describe a time when you lingered on your mistakes or dwelled on what should have been or could have been. What helped you move forward?
10. Where is God leading and calling you? What places or experiences might God want you to explore? What are some things you can do this today, tomorrow, throughout the new year and beyond to receive and accept forgiveness, find and feel restoration in your soul, and press onward renewed by what you've learned?