

Lessons from A Christmas Story  
Dealing with Doubt

Luke 1: 26-38

1. Talk about a special Christmas gift you really wanted when you were a child. Did you get that gift?
2. Read Luke 1:26-38. Pastor Mark suggests that many people will find this story difficult to believe. What are some of the elements of the story that defy our common understanding of the way life works?
3. We watched a scene from the movie, "A Christmas Story." Where a young boy named Flick does not believe his tongue will get stuck to a very cold flag pole. What happens when Flick puts his tongue on the pole?
4. Can you recall a time when you didn't believe that something was true, but it turned out to be true after all?
5. What is the difference between being skeptical and being cynical?
6. Pastor Mark suggests that any skepticism we have about the miracles surrounding the Christmas story in the Bible should be seen as an invitation to explore the evidence surrounding the Christmas story. How can this be helpful in developing a stronger faith?
7. What is the difference between a "blind faith" and a "reasonable faith?"
8. Why do you think many modern thinkers and intellectuals discount the idea of miracles and angels?
9. Pastor Mark suggests that if you believe in the existence of God, then the possibility of miracles is not an outrageous idea. Do you agree or disagree?
10. Why do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God, the Savior of the world?