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3. Reflect on Mary's response in 1:38. How is her response instructive for your relationship with God?
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5. Now think about what this moment at the beginning of Mary's faith story leads to: She will watch her son grow up to become a controversial figure and die on a cross. What does this teach us about a life of faith?
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