**LIGHT SHOW** 

Elementary Week 1

**READ: Luke 1:5-66** 

People had been waiting for years for the promised Messiah. This is the Savior that God had promised since the beginning of time. And I can't help but feel like if I was an Israelite and told that the Messiah was finally here, I would have laughed just like Sarah when she was told that she would have a baby at an old age. Like Zechariah I would have disbelieved these words from an angel. After all the years, this story passed down through the generations, that feels more like a myth at this point, is coming true.

But God always keeps his promises, and this promise was Jesus, the best gift we have ever received! In reality, I do not know how I would have responded being in any of their shoes, but I do know how often I respond to situations when I doubt whether or not God will show up—in disbelief that God will show up and do good things just like he always has.

As we begin this season of Advent, of anticipation, of celebrating the world's greatest gift – let us reflect on God's goodness, on our faith in his consistency, on the patience that is so hard to have when we are waiting for him to show up. Let us focus on his goodness and grace over all our fears and questions, because he meets us with Jesus. He is good. He is light in the darkness of this world, and he never changes despite our skepticism.

Where in your life do you see yourself doubt God?

How can you remember the ways he has shown up?

How can you celebrate the good news of what he has done today?

How can you celebrate the anticipation of knowing the good that he will do?