

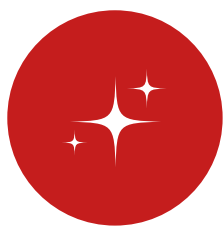
WONDERFUL PART 1



Jesus is quite literally wonderful: we are filled with wonder when we look at how he came to our world. As we prepare our hearts to meet Jesus as a baby, this week we focus on his role as wonderful counsellor: someone to guide us, advise us, support and encourage us, and challenge us on the adventure of faith.

Mary and Joseph's life was turned upside down by the news of the coming Son of God. Their community may not have understood their decision to remain married to welcome Jesus into the world, but this part of the Christmas story reveals the many ways that Jesus acts as our counsellor: through the Word of God, the counsel of others, and the Holy Spirit within us.

God is ready to interrupt our lives. The question is, are we ready to let him?



01 — Beginning advent

Advent is a time of reflection, new beginnings, and awe. What is your favourite part of the advent season?



02 — Wonderful

Mary and Joseph could never have imagined such a change to their life plans. What other Biblical characters had their lives changed by an encounter with God? Does anyone want to share a wonderful encounter they have experienced?



03 — Counsellor

It's easy to take the wrong advice or go down the wrong path. God counselled Mary and Joseph through an angel and through a dream. How has he counselled you?



04 — Practising what (Kat) preaches

Let's pray for opportunities this week to counsel and encourage others, and an openness to be counselled ourselves. What do we want counsel in right now?

