

## **SPIRITUAL TASK —THE MAIDSERVANT OF THE LORD** (Luke 1)

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**Story** There is a promise of two births in the Christmas story—John the Baptist and Jesus Christ. John was born to a human mother and father. Jesus was born of a human mother but His Father was the Divine life of Jehovah. This is why He was called the Son of God.

**Meaning** John is born first and pictures the work of repentance that must precede the birth of the Lord into our lives. Mary pictures the innocent affection for truth which is the home for the Lord's presence and birth in us. We work at repentance (born of human parents) and love and charity are gifts from the Lord (Jesus was the Son of God).

**Task** This week see if you can daily take time to prepare the way for the Lord. Begin each day with a time of prayer and read a Psalm from the Word. Whenever you see yourself in the mirror say, "Behold the Lord's servant. Let it be to me according to Your Word." See how the Lord guides you in your day.