Zis for Zacharias



Z is for Zacharias: John is Born

Luke 1

Let's learn about John. He is the one who Jesus asked to baptize Him. John and Jesus were related and John was about six months older than Jesus.

His father was Zacharias and his mother was Elizabeth. They were both faithful to God. Zacharias and Elizabeth were older and didn't have any children.

Zacharias was a priest and it was his turn to burn incense in the temple. Under the old law, the priest could only do this one time in his life.

While he was in the temple during the hour of incense, there was a crowd of people outside praying. God sent an angel to deliver news to Zacharias. The angel appeared on the <u>right</u> side of the altar of incense. When Zacharias saw the angel, he was worried and afraid.

The angel told Zacharias "Don't be afraid. God has heard your prayers. Elizabeth will have a son and you will name him John. You will be happy and many people will celebrate his birth. He will be great in God's eyes and will teach many people about Jesus. He will prepare the way for Jesus."

Zacharias asked the angel "How can this happen? I am old and my wife is old." The angel answered "I am Gabriel. God sent me to tell you about John. But because you didn't believe what I told you, you will not be able to speak until those things happen."

The people were waiting for Zacharias and they were amazed that it was taking him so long to do his job in the temple. When Zacharias came out of the temple, he couldn't speak and they thought he had a vision.

When his work was done at the temple, Zacharias returned home to his wife Elizabeth. She found out that she was going to have a baby! Elizabeth was very happy! Gabriel also went to see Mary and told her she would have a baby. He told her that Elizabeth would have a baby boy, too! She asked Gabriel, "But how can this be?" Gabriel told her, "For with God nothing will be impossible."

Mary visited her relative Elizabeth. When Mary went into their home, Elizabeth felt John move! They both knew they were blessed to have their babies. Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and returned home.

Elizabeth had her baby and it was a boy! Her neighbors and relatives were so happy for her and celebrated with Elizabeth!

Eight days after the baby was born, it was time to name him. According to their custom, they would have named him Zacharias like his father. But Elizabeth said they were naming him John. Everyone said, "But no one in your family is named John!"

And then they asked Zacharias what they were going to call the baby. Remember, Zacharias can't talk and so he asked for a writing tablet. Zacharias wrote "His name is John." They were so surprised!

Zacharias could talk immediately and he praised God. People all over the country heard about this and talked about it.

John and Jesus were related. When Jesus begins His ministry, He traveled to John and asked him to baptize Him. John was preaching in the wilderness of Judea. He wore clothing made of camel's hair, he had a leather belt and he ate locusts and wild honey. He was teaching the people about the Savior coming. Jesus

Scripture to look up

John 1:6 John was sent by God to pave the way for the Savior

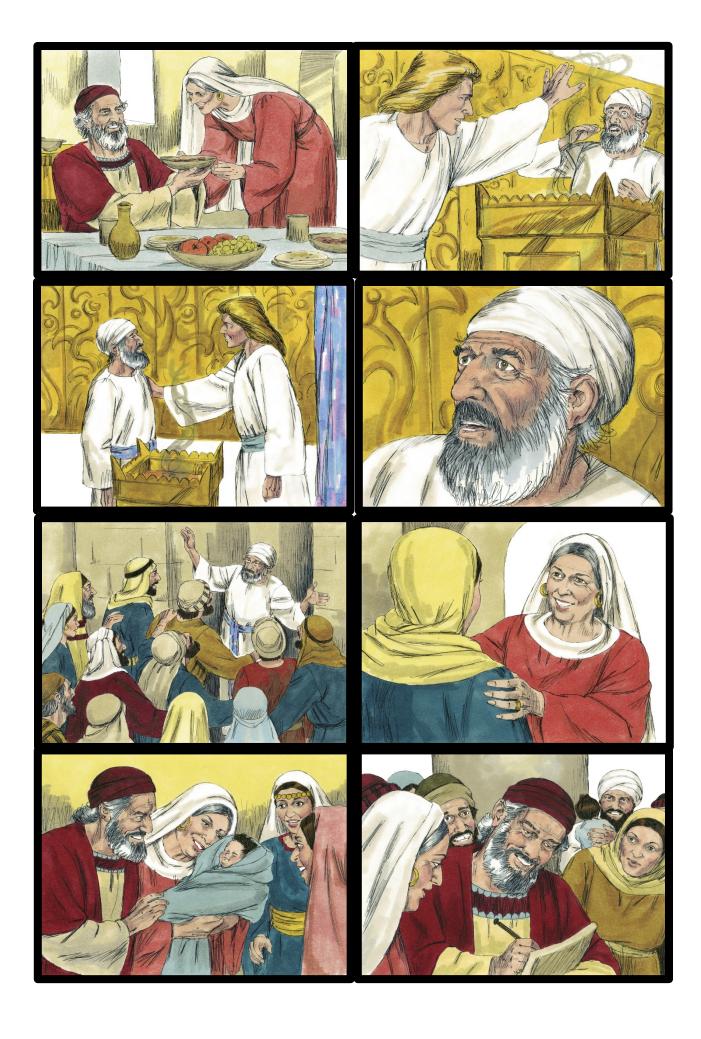
Matthew 3:4 John's clothes & food

Luke 1:63 wrote on tablet

Luke 1:37 All is possible with God

Isaiah 40:3 prophecy

Malachi 3:1 prophecy

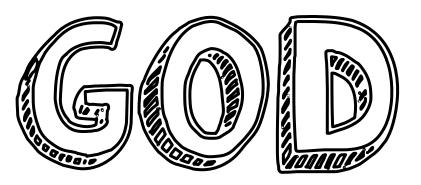




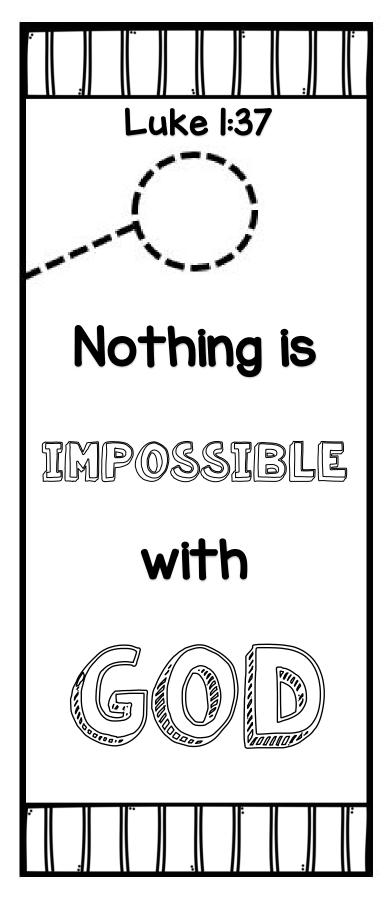
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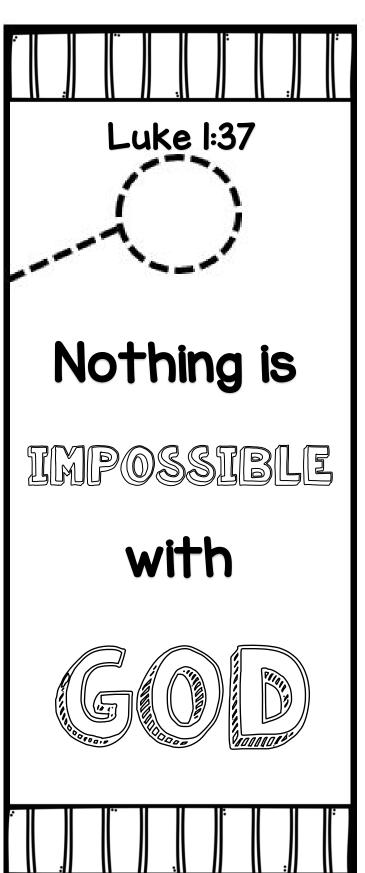
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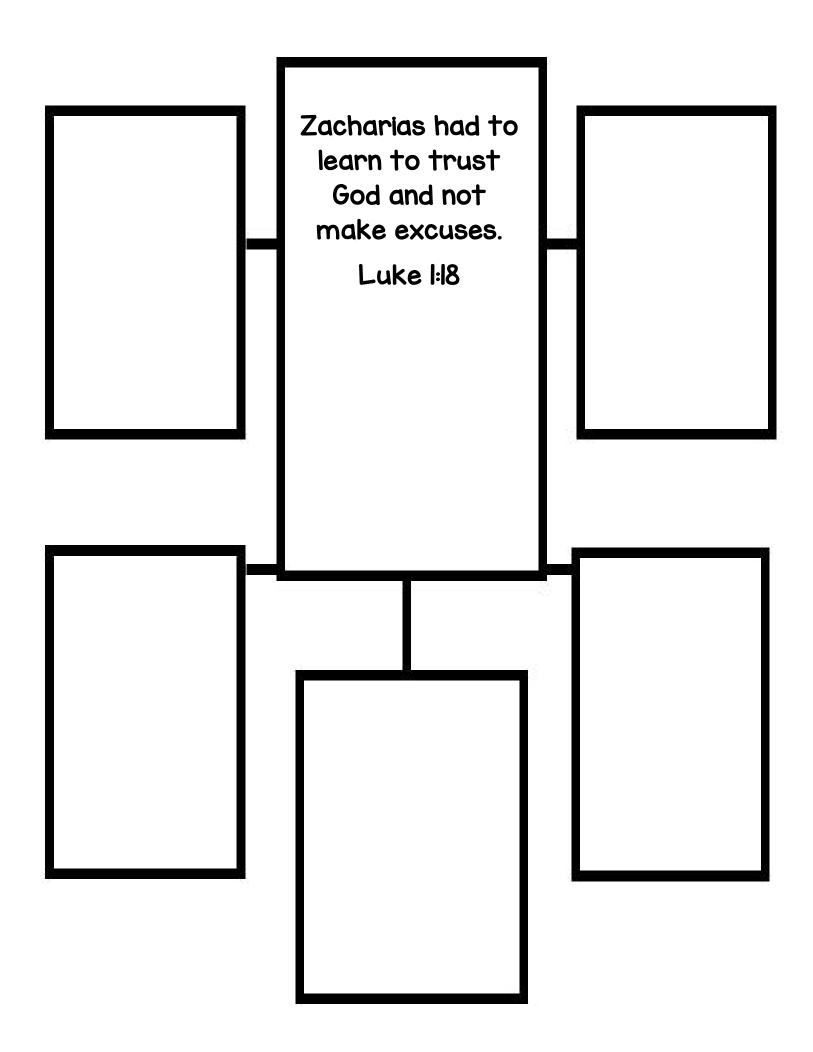


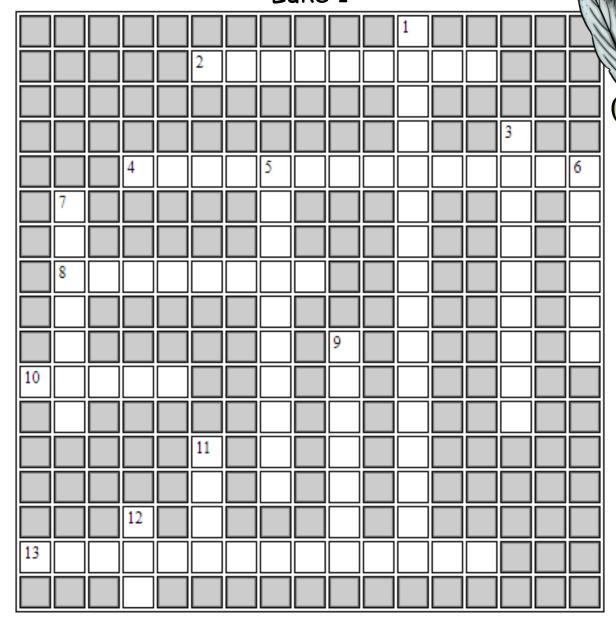
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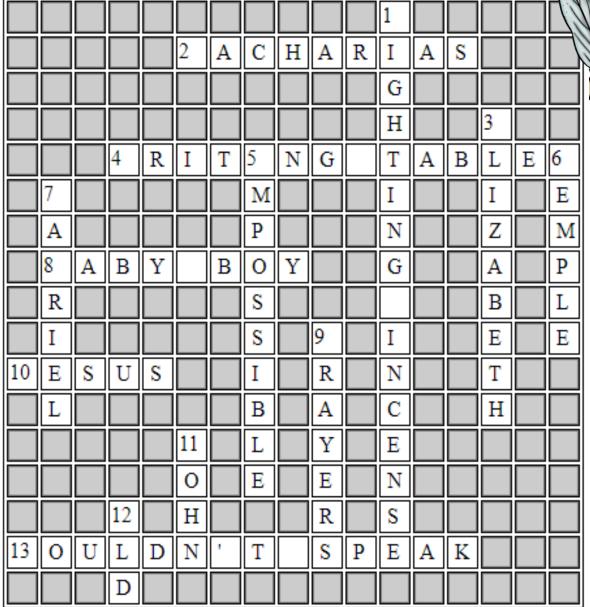
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- 12. Why Zacharias didn't believe the message

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TEACHER Luke 1



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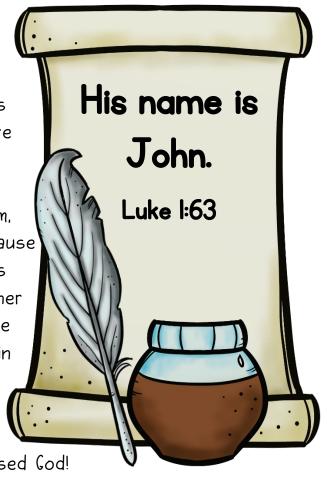




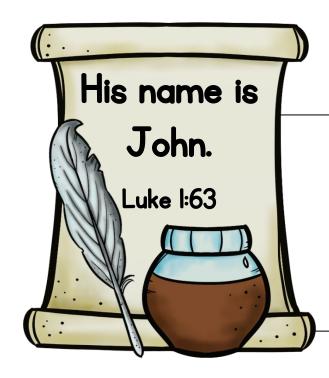
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1 Who were John's parents?



2. Where was Zacharias?
What was he doing?
3. Who did God send to tell Zacharias the message? the
Why didn't Zacharias believe the news?
4. How did everyone feel when [lizabeth had the baby?
Why were they surprised with his name?
5. How did Zacharias announce his name?
What happened immediately?
What did Tacharias do when he could talk?



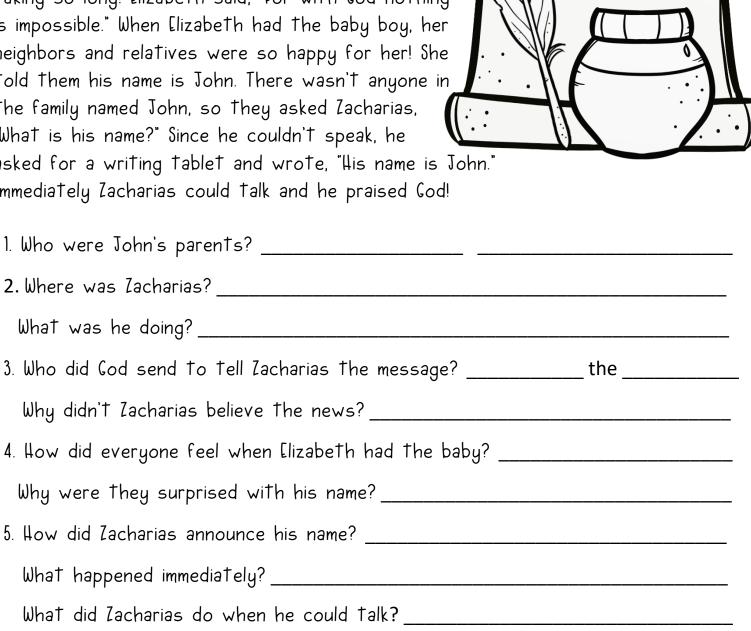
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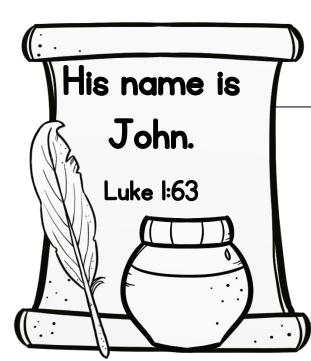
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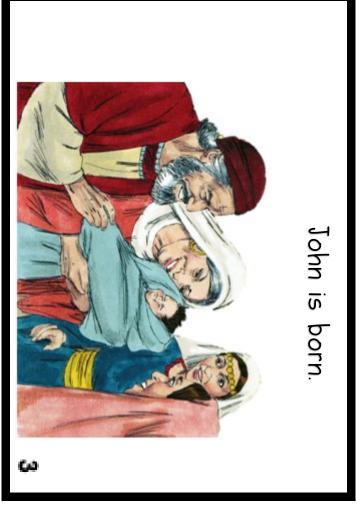
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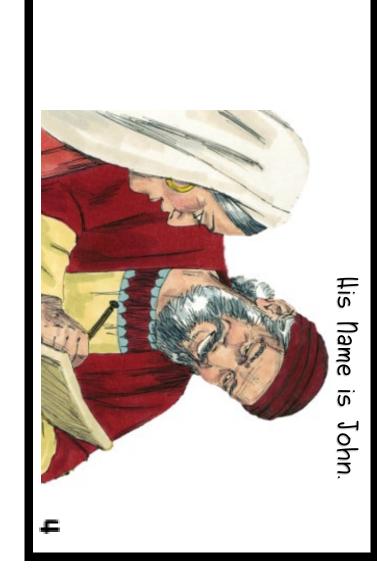
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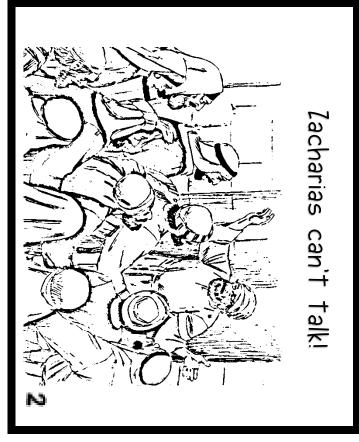




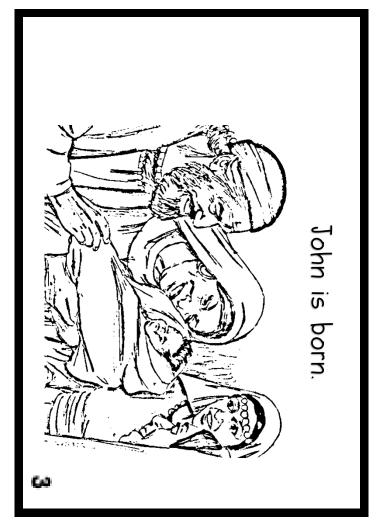






















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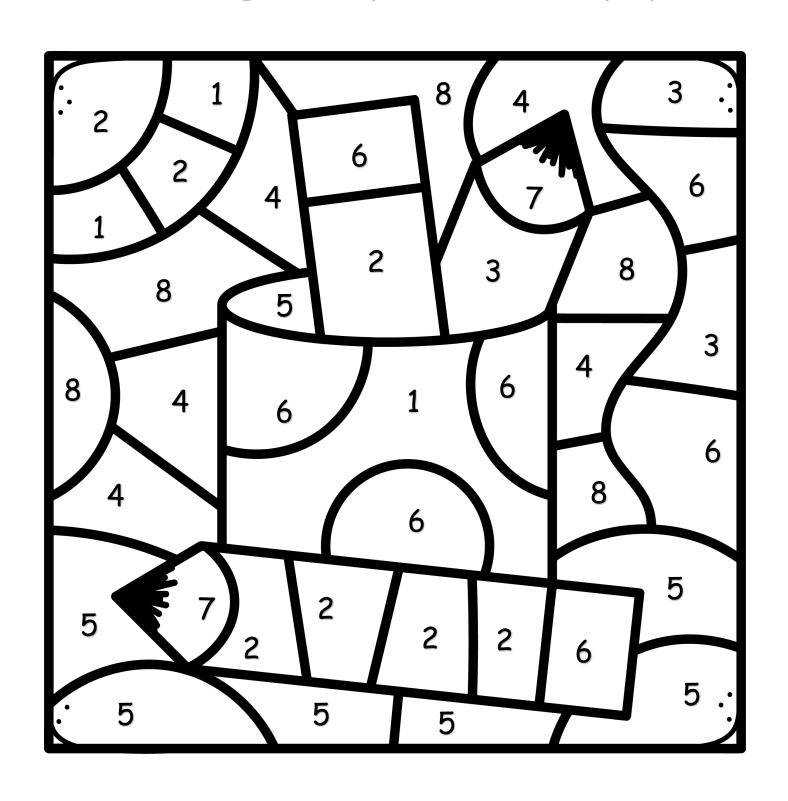
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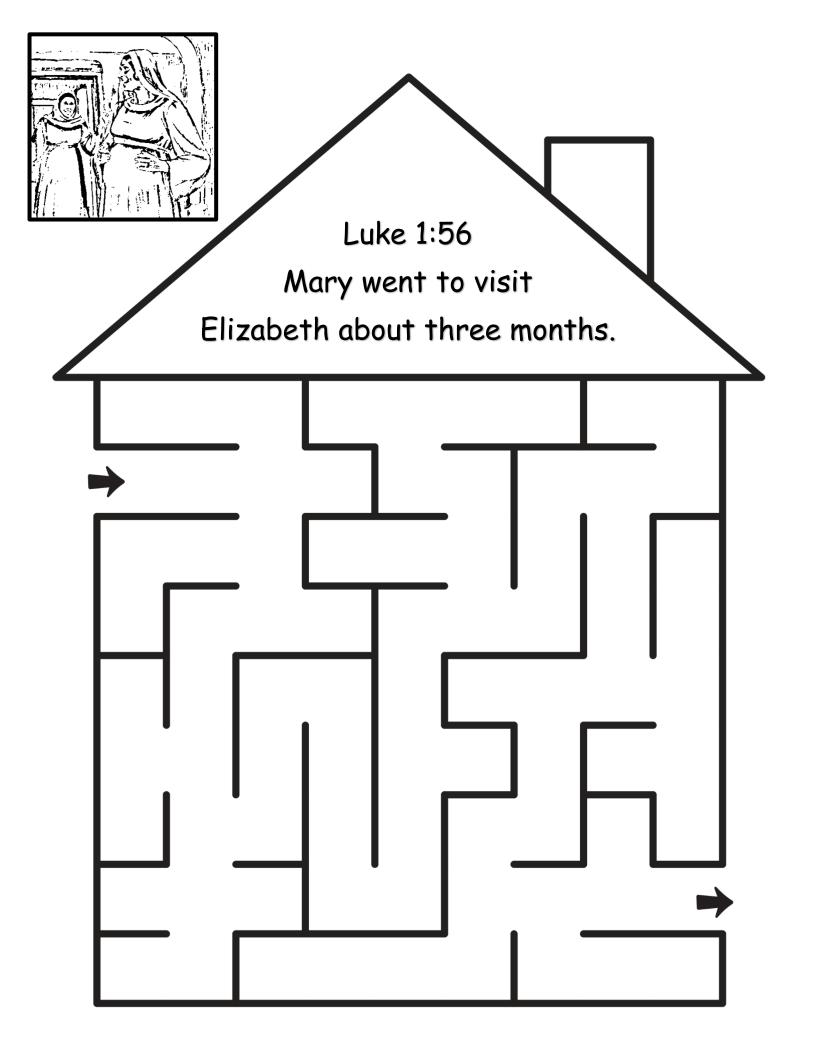
Zacharias

Zacharias can't talk! Find the pencils!

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Zacharias can't talk! ANSWERS

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(N4, SW) baby

(N7, S) can't speak

(D2, E) celebrate

(F14, N) Elizabeth

(E15, N) faithful

(O14, W) Gabriel the angel

(K12, W) happy

(M1, S) His name is John

(B2, S) hour of incense

(H6, NE) John

(J13, W) Mary

(I1, W) praise God

(J1, SW) prayers

(I8, NW) priest

(A9, N) surprise

(A15, NE) teach about Jesus

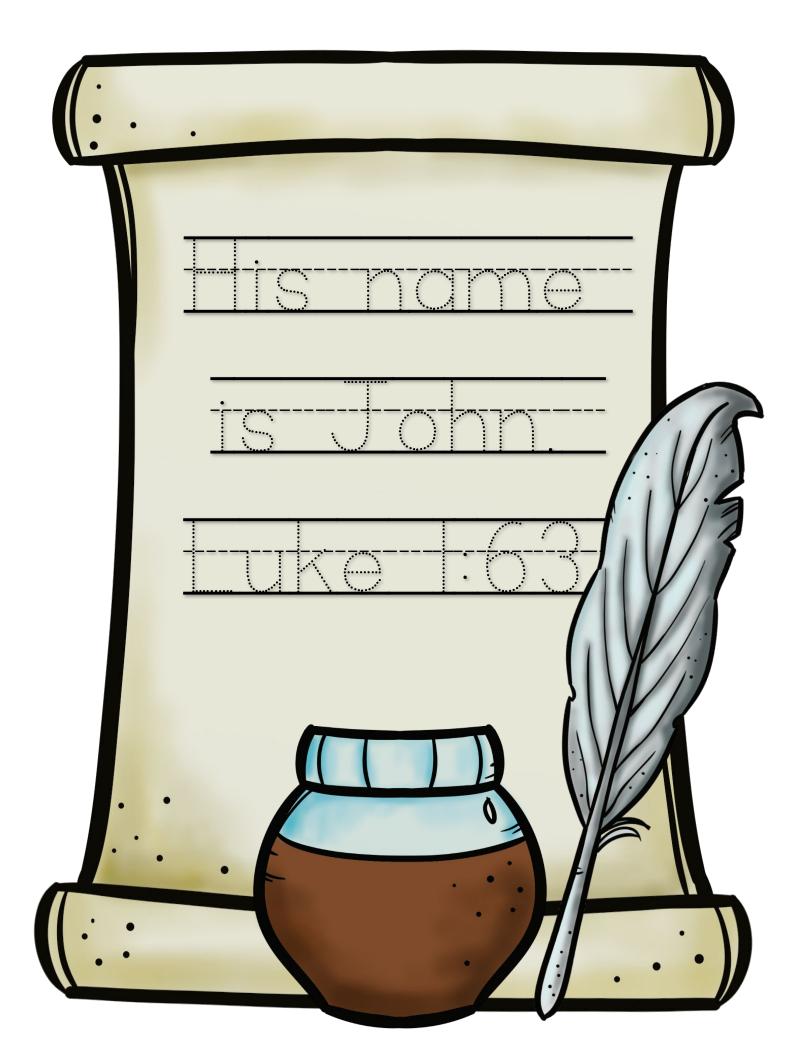
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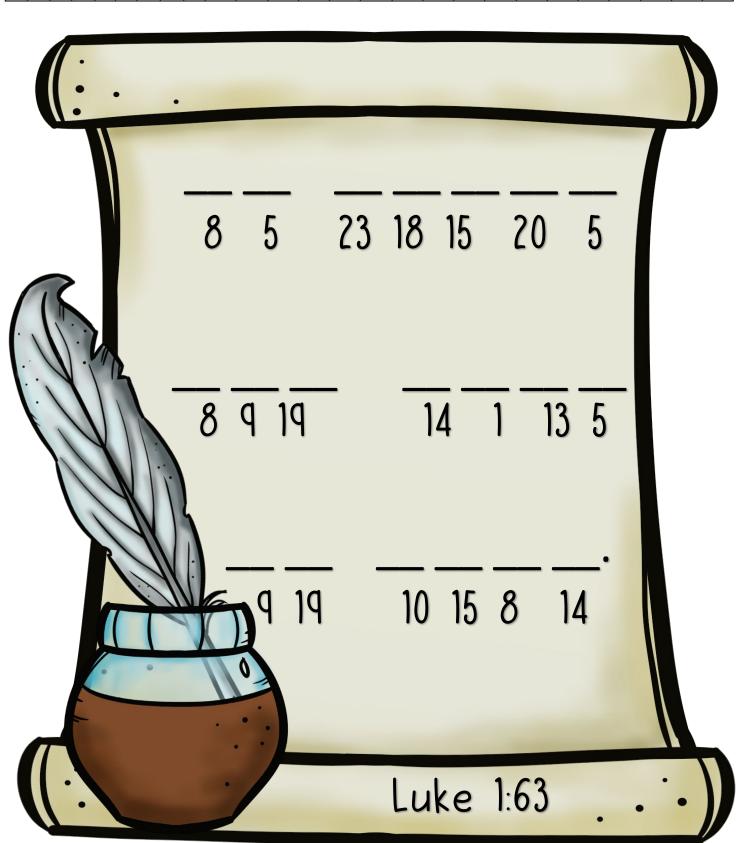
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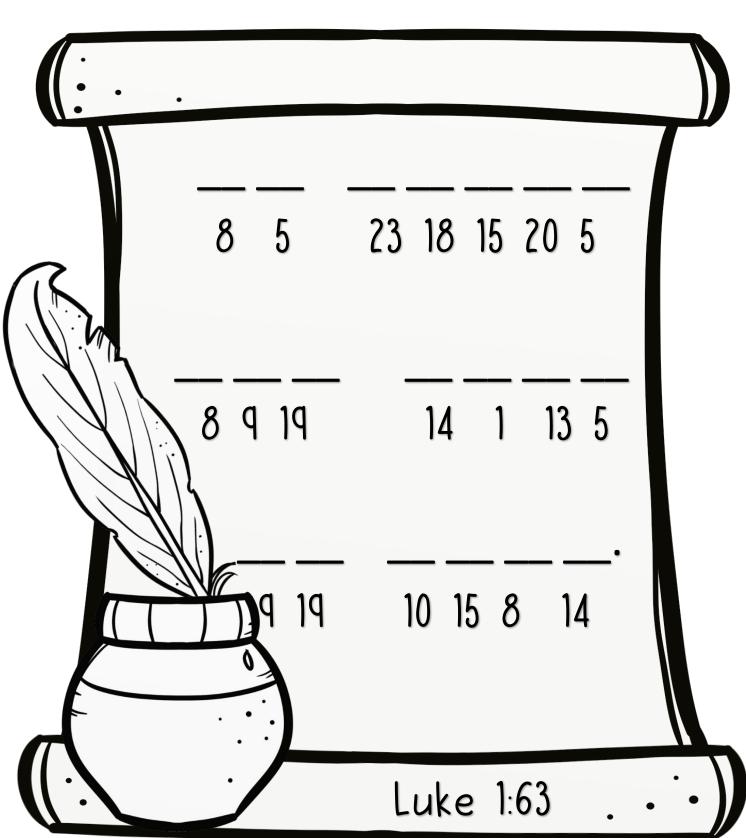




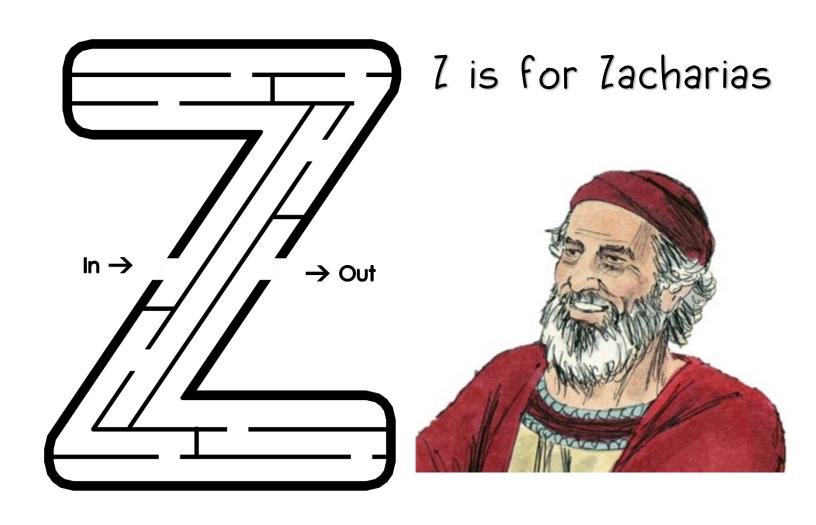
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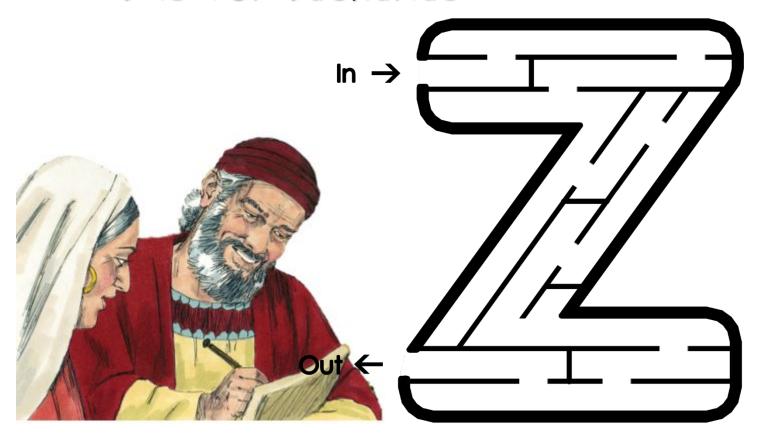
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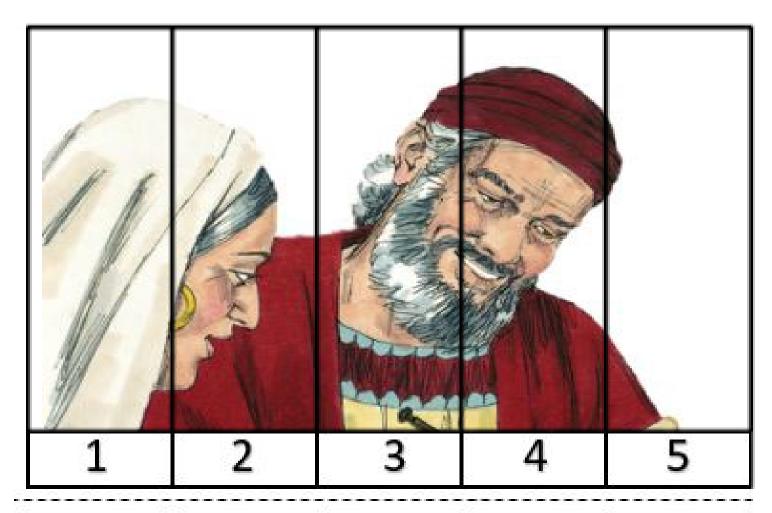


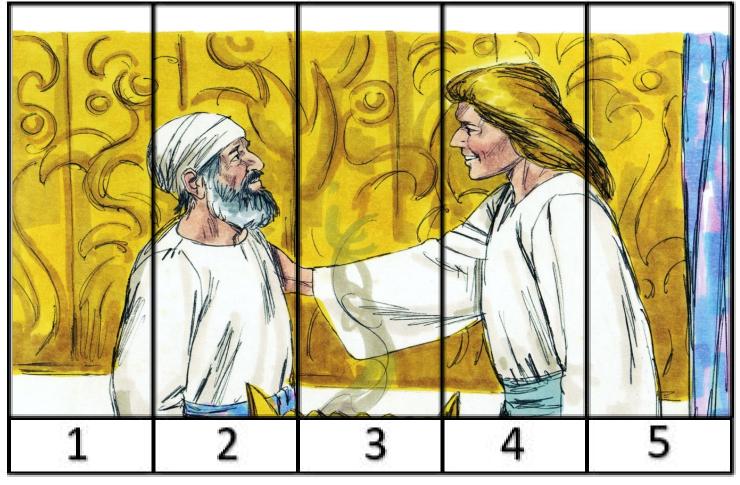
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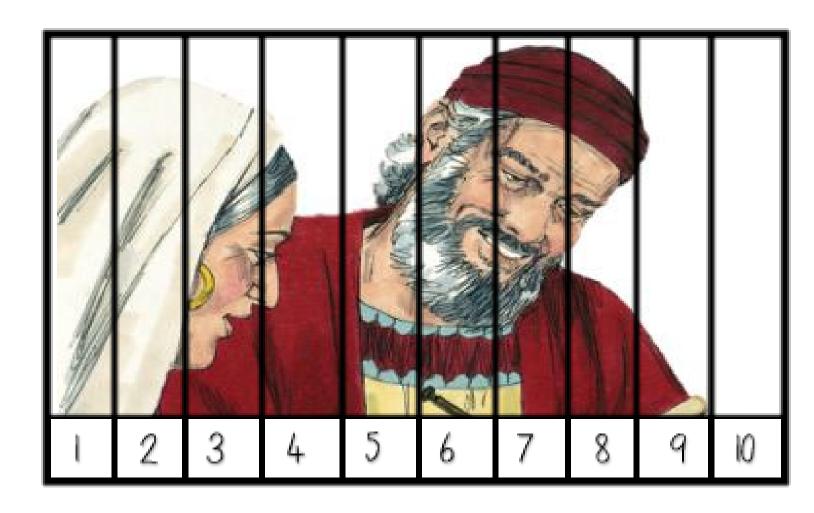


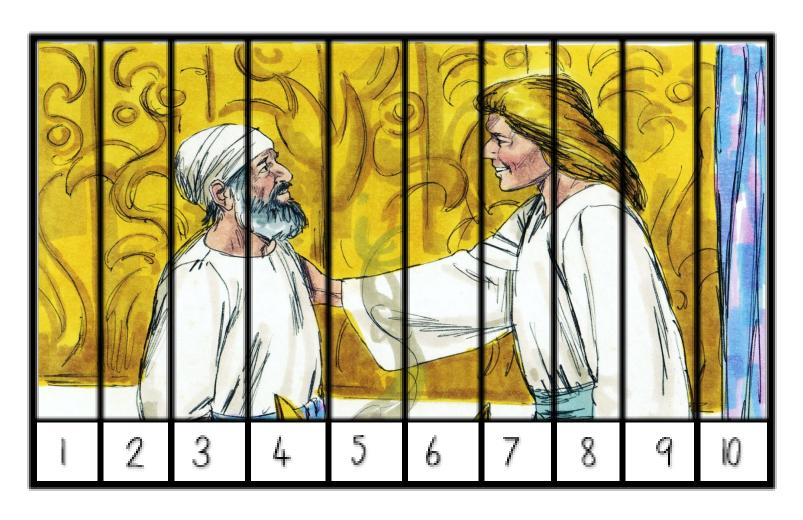
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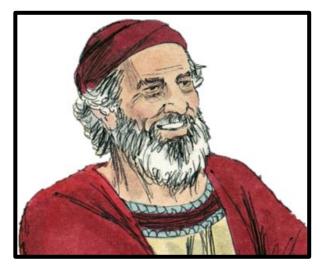








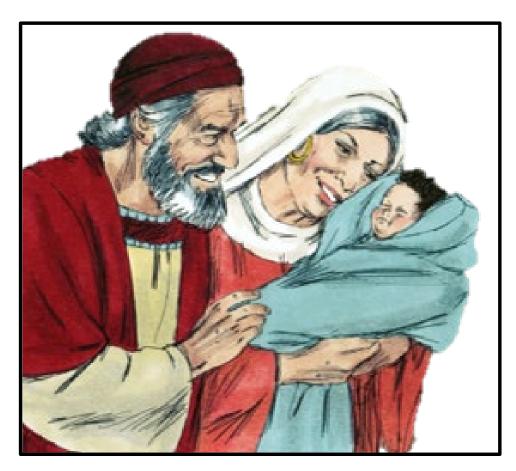




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