

A SON FOR ZECHARIAH

Luke 1:5-25

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⁵In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. ⁶Both of them were upright in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commandments and regulations blamelessly. ⁷But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren; and they were both well along in years.

⁸Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, ⁹he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside.

¹¹Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. ¹³But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John. ¹⁴He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, ¹⁵for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from birth. ¹⁶Many of the people of Israel will he bring back to the Lord their

God. ¹⁷And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

¹⁸Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years."

¹⁹The angel answered, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. ²⁰And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their proper time."

²¹Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering why he stayed so long in the temple. ²²When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple, for he kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak.

²³When his time of service was completed, he returned home. ²⁴After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion. ²⁵"The Lord has done this for me," she said. "In these days he has shown his favor and taken away my disgrace among the people."

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) Why didn't Zechariah have any children?
5		2.) What did the angel of the Lord say to Zechariah?
5		3.) What happened to Zechariah because he did not believe the angel of the Lord?
5		4.) Why do you think God chose to use an angel to speak to Zechariah?

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>"The Lord is far from the wicked but he hears the prayer of the righteous."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Proverbs 15:29</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ____/____/____

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*An angel appears
before Zechariah
and tells him he will
have a son*

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An angel appears to Zechariah to tell him his prayers would be answered

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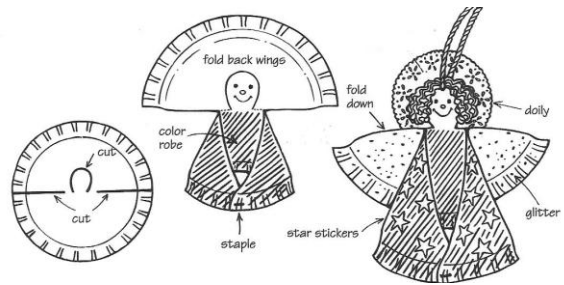
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: ANGELS

Students will make paper plate angels to remind them that Gabriel, an angel of the Lord, appeared to Zechariah to announce that he and his wife Elizabeth would bear a son named John.

MATERIALS

1. Paper Plates
2. Stapler
3. Markers, Crayons, or Colored Pencils
4. Glitter
5. Yarn
6. Doilies
7. Star Stickers
8. Scissors
9. Glue



DIRECTIONS

1. Cut and fold paper plates following the diagram above.
2. Staple the robe together with a stapler.
3. Color the robe with markers, crayons, or colored pencils.
4. Add star stickers.
5. Glue on doilies to the back of the angel heads.
6. Glue yarn to the head of the angel.
7. Glue on a piece of yarn to hang the angel with.
8. Glue on glitter (optional).

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their angels, remind them of how God heard Zechariah's prayer for a child. God honored his request and sent Gabriel, the angel, to tell Zechariah the good news. Help students understand that God hears our prayers even today. Review the memory verse below with you students.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 20 minutes

MEMORY VERSE






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Break the secret code to find out what the angel said.







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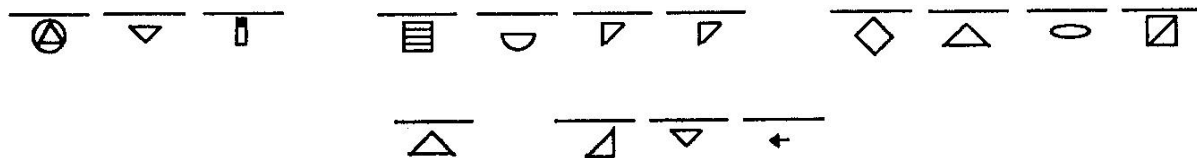
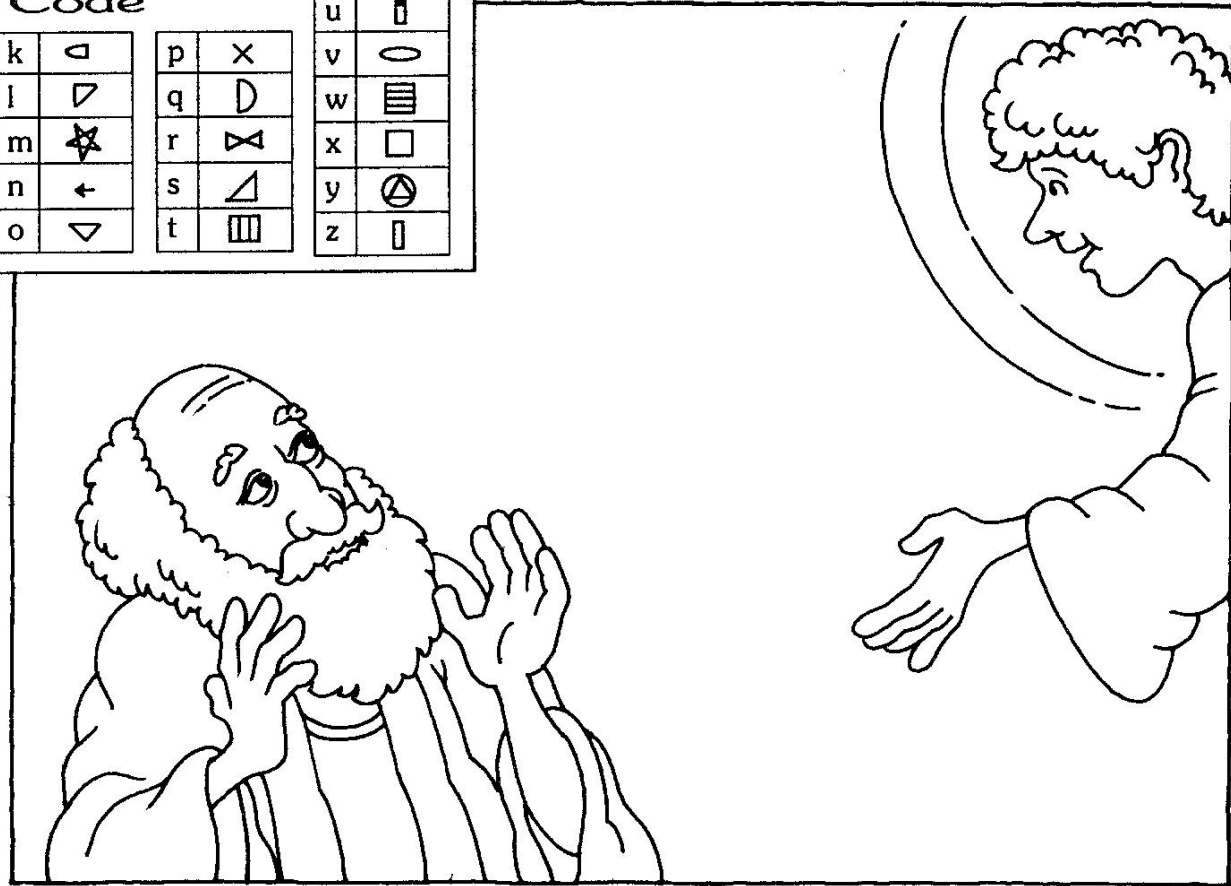
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Zechariah and Elizabeth didn't have any children and now they thought they were too old. But one day when Zechariah was in the temple an angel gave him a special message.



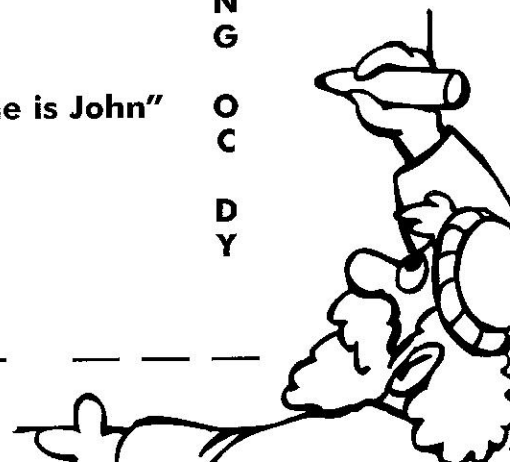
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Read each sentence. Choose the words that make the sentence true and circle the letter that goes with each correct answer. When you are finished, write the circled letters on the spaces below to find out what Zechariah did next.

Zechariah was a . . .	priest farmer	P F
He and his wife Elizabeth were . . .	young old	O R
The angel said Zechariah and Elizabeth would have a . . .	baby flood	A L
Zechariah . . .	believed the angel did not believe	K I
When Zechariah came out of the temple he . . .	was crying could not speak	W S
Elizabeth . . .	gave birth to a son had a baby girl	E M
The neighbors thought the baby's name would be . . .	John Zechariah	O D
Elizabeth said the baby's name would be . . .	Zechariah John	N G
When asked, Zechariah . . .	wrote, "His name is John" didn't answer	O C
The neighbors and friends were . . .	filled with awe not interested	D Y

Then Zechariah . . . _ _ _ _ _



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Zechariah was a priest who was married to a woman named Elizabeth. They both wanted to have children, but Elizabeth was barren and unable to. Both Zechariah and Elizabeth were very old but they still

prayed for a child.

When Zechariah was serving in the temple, an angel of the Lord appeared to him. Zechariah was scared but the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid. Your prayer has been heard. You will have a son. His name will be John. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from birth. He will prepare the way of the Lord."

Zechariah asked, "How can this be? My wife and I are old."

The angel said, "I am Gabriel. I have been sent to tell you the good news. You will not be able to speak until your son is born because you did not believe me."

When Zechariah came out of the temple, he could not speak. The people realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. Zechariah made signs because he was unable to speak.

To find out more, check out Luke 1:5-25 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. Why didn't Zechariah have any children?
2. What did the angel of the Lord say to Zechariah?
3. What happened to Zechariah because he did not believe the angel?
4. Why do you think God chose an angel to speak to Zechariah?

MEMORY VERSE

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FILL IN THE BLANKS

son	Gabriel	priest
old	John	wife

Zechariah was a _____ who served in the temple. He and his _____ Elizabeth did not have any children. They were both very _____. An angel named _____ appeared to Zechariah and told him he would have a _____. His son's name would be _____. Zechariah could not speak until John was born.