

PARENT CORNER

TODAY: DECEMBER 7-8

weekly

Bible Story: Elizabeth & Zechariah *Luke 1:5-25; 57-66*

Big Idea: Jesus is God's greatest gift.

Focus: Jesus is God's greatest gift and part of His perfect plan.

Memory Verse: "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord." *Luke 2:11 (NIRV)*

Bible Story Summary:

Read and meditate on **Luke 1:5-25, 57-66**.

Jesus is God's greatest gift. Because of Jesus, it's possible for us to have a relationship with God that will last forever. As we remember the Christmas story, we take time to celebrate the greatest gift the world has ever known.

In Luke 1, the world was dark for God's people, God chose Zechariah, a faithful priest, for a special task in the temple. An angel told him and his wife, Elizabeth, that they would have a son named John, who would prepare the way for the promised Messiah. Zechariah doubted and was struck silent until the prophecy came true. When John was born, Zechariah affirmed the name given by God and regained his speech. John grew up to be John the Baptist, preparing the path for the Savior.

This story is an incredible reminder that God can be trusted no matter what. When all seems hopeless, God comes through. God makes what seems impossible possible. No matter what we face in life, we can find joy and celebrate that God is at work and can help us through our circumstances. **Jesus is God's greatest gift and part of His perfect plan.**

He Question: What is God's perfect plan?

God's plan is to rescue His people, bring them back to a relationship with Him and to make all things new again one day. God is always working to accomplish His plan.

We Question: What can we do when we feel discouraged?

Even when we don't understand what is happening, we can trust that God is working and His ways are best.

Me Question: What does this mean for my life?

I can have hope, even when life feels dark. God uses tough situations for our good and His glory.

Meal Time



Ask your kid: What is the greatest gift you ever received? How did it make you feel?

Ask a parent: Share about a time you had a big need met by someone when you didn't even ask for help.

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WEEK 2



DAY 1

READ *Luke 1:13-15*

The most wonderful time of the year is almost here. Christmas is all about celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift.

But before we talk about Jesus' birth, let's talk about another important baby's arrival. There was an older couple named Zechariah and Elizabeth who didn't have children. Zechariah was a priest who loved and served God. One day, when it was his turn to serve in the temple, an angel appeared to Zechariah with a very special message.

What did the angel Gabriel tell Zechariah?

What do you think Zechariah did when he heard this news?

Zechariah couldn't believe it. But if there's one thing we know about God, it's that He can do the impossible! And that's one big reason to celebrate!

Is there something you need help with? If God can do anything, couldn't He help you? Stop and pray right now. Tell God about what's going on, thank Him for listening and trust that He can do anything!

ASK God for help with whatever you are going through.

DAY 2

READ *Luke 1:18-20*

When the angel Gabriel appeared to Zechariah in the temple, he was scared. He was confused. And he doubted that this could actually happen.

What did the angel say would happen because of Zechariah's unbelief?

Zechariah would not be able to speak until after his son John was born. A typical pregnancy lasts nine months. That means that Zechariah would not be able to speak for a long time.

Could you do what Zechariah had to do? The next time you sit down to dinner with your family, see if you can make it through the entire meal without speaking. Even if someone asks you why you're not speaking, see if you can stay silent until dinner is done. How long were you able to stay quiet?

After the meal is over, tell your family about this little challenge and about Zechariah. Thank God for the ability to speak and to celebrate because God can do anything!

THANK God for the ability to speak and praise him!

DAY 3

READ "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord." Luke 2:11 (NIRV)

This is the memory verse for the month of December. All month long we are learning that **Jesus is God's greatest gift!** Because of Jesus, it's possible for us to have a relationship with God that will last forever. As you learn the memory verse this month, take time to celebrate the greatest gift the world has ever known, Jesus.

Practice this month's memory verse! Grab some Legos or blocks that you can build with. Using one word per block, build a tower as tall as you can without falling over. If your tower falls over, restart and say the verse from the beginning. Keep practicing until you make it through the verse!

PRACTICE the memory verse as a reminder that Jesus is God's greatest gift.

HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

parent CUE:

These are some Christmas songs that the kids are going to be hearing and singing this month in UpTown!

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Zach Williams

Joy To the World (Unspeakable Joy)

Chris Tomlin

DAY 4

READ Luke 1:64-65

Finally, the time came for John to be born. After months of silence, Zechariah was finally able to speak! What was the first thing he did?

Unscramble the words below to answer:

E H S P A E I R D D G O

The Bible tells us that right away, Zechariah praised God. He said, "Thank you, God!" He took time to celebrate knowing God could do anything. After years of waiting and praying for a baby of their own, God had given them John. And this baby would grow up to prepare the way for Jesus. John would become Jesus' biggest cheerleader, his biggest champion. John would be the one to say, "Don't look at me, look at Jesus! He's the Savior you've been looking for."

You could do what Zechariah did! What if first thing in the morning, before your feet even touch the floor, you stopped and praised God?

PRAY to God before you start your day!

at a GLANCE



Bibles N Bucks Shopping:

January 4-5	Kindergarten
January 11-12	4th Grade
January 18-19	3rd Grade
January 25-26	2nd Grade
February 1-2	1st Grade



Child's Name: _____