

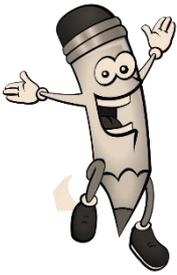
Quiet Time

December 14-20, 2025

Luke 1:17 (ESV)

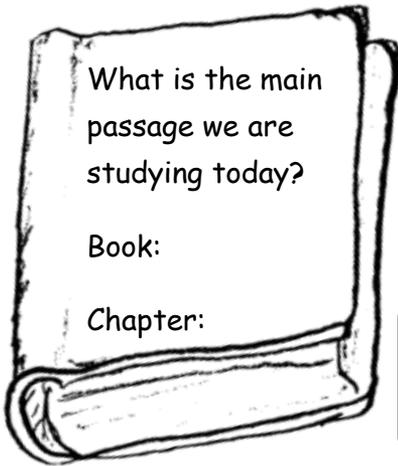
And he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah,
to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,
and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."

God
Sends
John the Baptist



Sermon notes

As you attend church service with your family, use these next two pages to help you listen and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God, praying, and listening to God's Word being read and taught.



Title of Sermon:

What is the Big Idea of the passage?



Which song from today's service is your favorite and why?



Words you heard but don't know...

What are we learning about God from this passage?

Write or draw something that you heard in the sermon today.

Fill in the blanks below during the service, and then talk to your parents about them on the way home.

I heard _____
but was confused or had a hard time believing it.

Hearing and believing this about God is... _____

_____ ...changes the way I...

God Sends John the Baptist - Monday

- Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: Luke 1:5-7

At Christmas, we focus on the miraculous birth of the Savior to Mary and her husband, Joseph. Yet, before Jesus was born, God did another miracle in the life of two other Jews. This week we'll learn about the birth of John. In the days of Herod, the Jews living in Judea continued to worship the LORD God in the temple. Priests were the men set apart by God in the days of Moses to serve the Lord. In our reading today, we learn about a faithful priest who was righteous and blameless, and his wife, who also did right in the eyes of the LORD. But they had a problem.

Pray

Dear LORD God, I am thankful that when things happen in this life that I do not understand, I can still know You are good and that there is a plan.

What does the Scriptures tell us about Zechariah and his wife, Elizabeth?

1. They had no _____.
2. They were both advanced in _____ (meaning they were too old to have children).

Application

This godly pair of Jews kept on following God even when He gave them no children. God desires that we love and follow Him. Zechariah & Elizabeth did not wait on God to "bless" them with a child to honor Him. Like them, God desires for us to serve and love Him whether or not we have all the things we want.

Complete your Prayer Journal for today, and pray about it.

God Sends John the Baptist - Tuesday

- Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: Luke 1:8-12

God is sovereign, which means He is ruling this universe and controlling it. God was about to act in the lives of Zechariah and Elizabeth. God allowed Zechariah to be chosen by lot to enter into the temple and offer prayers on behalf of Israel. This was a great honor. Once inside and alone within The Holy Place, the LORD God sent someone special to speak to Zechariah.

Pray

Dear LORD God, You still speak to and act on behalf of Your people today. I praise You for Your Word, the Bible, which is given to all of Your people for all time. Through it, we may know Your will.

What kind of being appeared within the temple and spoke to Zechariah?

How did Zechariah feel when he saw him standing on the right side of the altar? _____

Application

It is interesting to note that God spoke to Zechariah while he was busy serving Him and living in obedience to His commands. Likewise, we should not wait until our prayers are answered to serve God. If you are waiting in prayer for God to act in some way, the thing to do is to keep asking, and keep following Him.

Complete your Prayer Journal for today, and pray about it.

God Sends John the Baptist – Wednesday

- Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: Luke 1:13-17

The angel told Zechariah that God had heard and would answer his prayer. He may have prayed for a son, but his ministry that day would have been to pray for God to send the Savior to Israel. Surely Zechariah had asked the LORD to send Messiah. God answered that He was about to do just that. 😊 The angel gave Zechariah some important information. In the blanks in the box, fill in the missing key words to the LORD's message, sent through the angel.

Pray

Dear LORD God, the heart of man is sinful and corrupt. We need Your Word to enter our hearts to turn them from sin and towards faith in the Savior. Please use Your word in my life daily to turn my heart to follow Your holy ways.

The Word of the LORD

Psalm 119:59 (ESV)

When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to your testimonies.

(v.13) Elizabeth will bear you a _____

(v.13) You shall call his name _____

(v.14) Many will rejoice at his _____

(v.14) He will be _____ before the Lord.

(v.15) No strong drink, filled with the

(v.16) He will turn many to the _____
their God.

(v.17) He will go before Him in the spirit
and power of _____

(v.17) Return the _____ (of
children and fathers)

(v.17) Make _____ for the LORD a
_____ prepared.

Complete your Prayer Journal for today, and pray about it.

God Sends John the Baptist – Thursday

- Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: Luke 1:18-20

One might think that seeing an angel would have kept Zechariah from doubting, but it did not. In the end, whether by angel or by the written word, God's people must choose to believe what the Lord has said. We learn the name of the angel in this passage. We also learn that Zechariah will be given a "sign" that will help him to know and believe that God would do all He had said.

Pray

Dear LORD God, like Zechariah, we sometimes struggle with doubts. It is hard to see how You will do what You promise, but I know that if You say it, I can trust You to do it.

Application

God's commands often come with promises. For example, God commands children to honor their parents. He then promises that it will "go well with them" if they obey. Even though we don't know exactly how "it will go well" with you, we trust that we will be blessed for having honored our parents. How does trusting God for the future blessings help us obey now?

What is the name of the angel of the LORD sent to tell the good news of John's birth?

- Michael
- Lucifer
- Gabriel

What sign did God give to Zechariah so he wouldn't doubt the LORD'S fulfillment of His promise?

- Zechariah would have a special dream.
- Zechariah would not be able to speak until the child was born.
- Elizabeth would not be able to speak until the child was born.

Complete your Prayer Journal for today, and pray about it.

God Sends John the Baptist - Friday

- Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: Luke 1:21-25

Something had happened to Zechariah when in the temple, and everyone knew it because he could not speak. When his time of service was over, where did Zechariah go? _____

Pray

Dear LORD God, help me to speak to others about what You are doing in this world while I am able to do so. The Good News of Jesus needs to be shared. Open my mouth and use me to tell others about Jesus this year!

Application

The man who feared to believe the Good News could not share it (at least not right away). Let's learn from Zechariah & share the gospel in faith. With whom do you need to share the Good News of Jesus this year?

(name)

(name)

What amazing thing happened to Elizabeth? (You can draw it or write about it)

What an exciting time for this older couple! Yet, for Zechariah, he still could not even tell his wife what had happened in the temple. It must have been hard for him to know what God was doing but be unable to tell anyone— not even Elizabeth.

Complete your Prayer Journal for today, and pray about it.

God Sends John the Baptist - Saturday

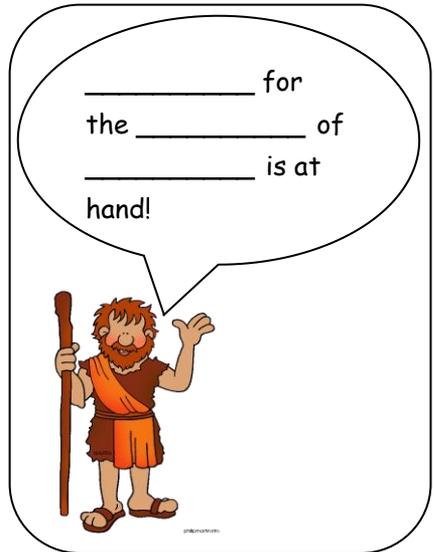
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Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: Luke 1:57-66

Finally, the time came for Elizabeth to give birth to her son. After being able to speak, Zechariah spoke by the power of the Spirit most of what is left of *chapter 1* (vv. 67-79). He was mute (unable to speak) no longer!

How would he prepare the way of the LORD? What was John's message to Israel (*Matthew 3:2*)?



Pray

Dear LORD God, the message about salvation is the same today as it was in John's day. Thank You that all who repent and trust in the Savior, Jesus Christ, who died for our sin and rose from the dead, will be saved.

Application

Zechariah worshipped the LORD as soon as he was able to speak! Like him, we must use our mouths to worship the LORD, too!

Complete your Prayer Journal for today, and pray about it.

Prayer Journal

Honor God with your praises and respect
Examine your life for sin and confess it to God
Ask God to supply for your personal needs
Request God's help for the needs of others
Thank God for blessing you every day

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Prayer Journal *...continued*

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Prayer Journal *...continued*

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Gray Road Baptist Church, Children's Ministries

This quiet time lesson was written to coincide with the Generations of Grace Sunday School curriculum. The daily lessons represented are in conjunction with the teacher's manual to provide a fluid, consistent message to your children both in Sunday school and in their private devotions. MacArthur, John. *The MacArthur Study Bible; & Early Elementary, Generations of Grace.* ©

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THE PRAISE FACTORY

Come join us on Wednesday nights in the gym!

7:00-8:30 p.m.

KIDS Store, Wednesday, December 17th.

NO Praise Factory, December 24, 31.

No Sunday School December 28th.



UNIT #8: The God Who Loves

Unit #8: What is God's love for His people like?

Unit #8 Answer: More than they could ever deserve.

Unit #8 Verse: 1 Chronicles 16:34

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!

Big Idea #35: God blesses all people with many good gifts.

Big Idea #35 Verse: Psalm 145:17

Big Idea #36: God loved His people before they loved Him.

Big Idea #36 Verse: Ephesians 1:4

Big Idea #37: God showed the depths of His love by giving His own, beloved Son to save His people.

Big Idea #37 Verse: 1John 4:10

Big Idea #38: God loves His people by caring for their needs.

Big Idea #38 Verse: Psalm 23:1-2

Big Idea #39: God uses everything in His people's lives for their good and His glory.

Big Idea #39 Verse: Romans 8:28

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.