

# Birth of John the Baptist

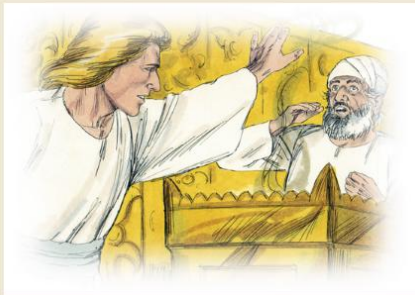
## Luke Chapter 1

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Elizabeth and Zechariah were upright in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commandments and regulations blamelessly. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren; and they were both well along in years.

Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God. An angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear.



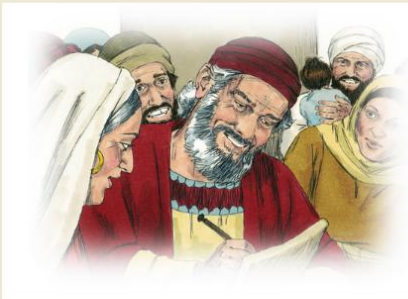
The angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John."

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

The angel answered, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God. You will not be able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words."



When the time came to name the child they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, but his mother spoke up and said, "No! He is to be called John" They made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child. He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, "His name is John". Immediately his mouth was opened and he could speak.



## Word Search

(Find the underlined words from the story)

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