

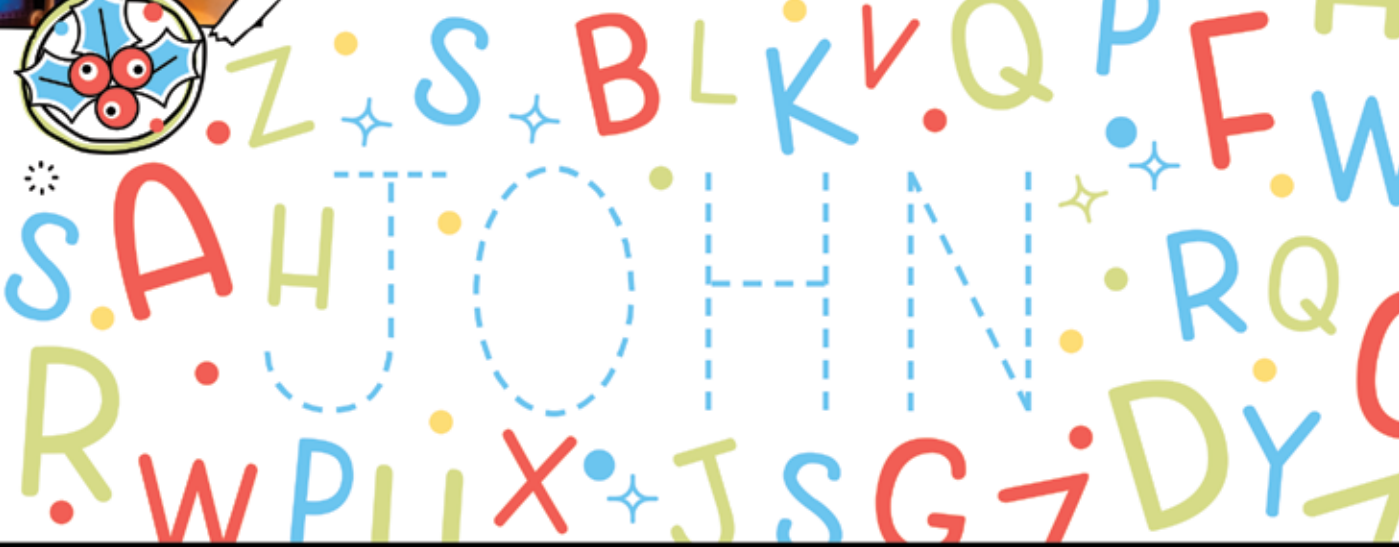
UNIT VERSE

God loved us and sent His Son.

—1 JOHN 4:10

TRACE the NAME

Elizabeth had a special baby who would grow up to tell people that Jesus is God's Son. Trace the letters to find out the baby's name.



A BABY is COMING!

God prepared for Jesus' birth. Draw a picture to show how you think Elizabeth and Zechariah felt when they found out that they would have a baby.



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CONVERSATION

A Baby for Elizabeth

LUKE 1:5-25,57-80

Zechariah was a priest who served in the temple, and his wife was named Elizabeth. God knew that Zechariah and Elizabeth obeyed His commandments. They were both old and did not have any children.

Zechariah was serving in the temple when an angel visited him. Zechariah was afraid, but the angel said: "Do not be afraid." The angel was sent by God to tell Zechariah that Elizabeth would have a baby boy named John. The baby was going to be special and do great things for God. Zechariah did not believe God's message delivered by the angel, so the angel said Zechariah would not be able to talk until the baby was born.

After several months, the baby was born. Elizabeth's neighbors and friends were happy for her and they wanted to know what the baby's name would be. They thought the baby should be named Zechariah, the same name as his father. But Zechariah wrote on a writing tablet that the baby's name would be John, just as the angel had said. Suddenly, Zechariah was able to talk again and he began to praise God. Everyone believed that John was a special baby.

God told Zechariah to tell everyone that when John grew up to be a man, he would announce that God's Son is coming. God sent John as part of His plan to tell people about His Son, Jesus.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Today your child learned that God prepared for Jesus' birth. The birth of John, Elizabeth's son, was part of God's plan to prepare the way for Jesus.

LIVE IT OUT

In the center of a sheet of paper, print the name *Jesus*. Give your child markers, crayons, or stickers to decorate the name. Tell your child that God prepared for Jesus to be born.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God sent Jesus to earth as a real person.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Luke 1:68

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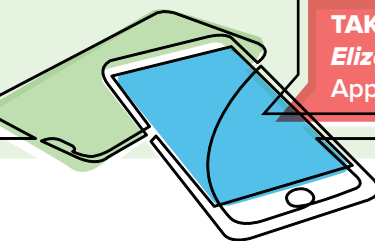
Tuesday: Mark 1:3

Wednesday: Isaiah 40:3

Thursday: Luke 1:80

Friday: Luke 3:3

Saturday: Mark 1:7-8



TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out *A Baby for Elizabeth* in Bible Studies for Life: LifeWay Kids App for games and activities for your child.