



Unit 1, Lesson 1

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: ZECHARIAH'S VISION LUKE 1:5-25

THE STORY HOME

God is full of surprises. He sends an angel to old Zechariah with a message so exciting and unbelievable that Zechariah is shocked speechless. After many childless years, prayers, and lost hope for a baby, Zechariah gets the birth announcement of his married life... his own son. Zechariah and Elizabeth's son will be great in God's eyes and for His work, and will broadcast the greatest birth announcement... Jesus Christ. God keeps His promise and eventually delivers to Zechariah and Elizabeth a baby boy.

PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- What has been your biggest surprise?
- Have you ever heard news so exciting and unbelievable that you couldn't speak?
- Why do you think God sent an angel to Zechariah?
- How would their son, John, be special?

TOGETHER HOME

Briefly review the Luke 1:5-25 Bible story with your child and then go to the children's section of your public library. Together find books about angels. Explore and examine the pictures of angels and discuss how God sometimes uses angels as His messengers. Explain that angels can be either men or women. If you have a collection of angels at home, display them this week in a visible place along with our Matthew 1:21 memory verse.

BIBLE MEMORY HOME

Our memory verse for this month is, "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus because he will save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21) Help your child gather paper and colored pencils or crayons and draw an angel. Across the picture, print the memory verse. Each morning this week, repeat this verse with your child. Talk about God keeping His promise in bringing Jesus into our world to tell us about God's love and plan of salvation. Complete your memory verse time with a reassuring hug.