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Elizabeth and Zechariah

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Luke 1:5-25

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Prepare to Teach

In today's story Zechariah is our main character. He served as a priest before the Lord. This particular year, he was chosen to be the one to take the incense into the altar of incense. While he was there, an angel appeared to him. The angel told Zechariah that his wife Elizabeth was going to have a baby! She was old, and beyond the time that she would be able to have a child. This baby was to be a special child with a special job! He would be the one to prepare the people for the coming of the Lord Jesus.

Zechariah asked the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news." (Luke 1:19) Because Zechariah doubted the Lord, he was not able to speak until the day the baby was born. The angel told Zechariah to name the baby John. God kept His promise to Zechariah and Elizabeth became pregnant! A baby boy was born. The family wanted to name the boy Zechariah, after his father, but John motioned for them to bring him a slate and wrote, "His name is John," just like the angel had told him to do. At that time, Zechariah was able to talk again. Baby John was a cousin of baby Jesus!

It's Christmas Time

- The newest art kits are available from the Preschool Ministry Office. Please stop by the Main Welcome Desk at Carmel to ask for your kit! If you have any questions, please email cindib@carmelbaptist.org.
- Remember the Advent Bags that Carmel distributed last Christmas? It is time to find your bags! The first Sunday of Advent was Sunday, November 29th. If you are new to Carmel, please pick up your bag in the gathering space.

Storytime

This story is found in Luke 1:5-25, 57-66. You can read the following summary out loud to your preschooler.

John's Birth Was Predicted

Zechariah the priest lived in the days when Herod was king of Judea. Zechariah's wife was Elizabeth. Zechariah and Elizabeth both loved God, and they obeyed his laws. But Zechariah and Elizabeth were getting old, and they did not have any children.

Zechariah took turns with the other priests serving in God's temple. When it was Zechariah's turn to serve, he went to the temple. Zechariah was chosen to go into the sanctuary and burn incense as an offering to God. Zechariah went inside the sanctuary and a crowd of people stood outside and prayed.

Suddenly Gabriel, an angel of the Lord, appeared to Zechariah. Zechariah was surprised and afraid! But the angel said, "Don't be afraid, Zechariah, because God has heard your prayer. Your wife Elizabeth will have a son, and you will name him John."

The angel told Zechariah that many people would be happy about John's birth. He said that God's Spirit would be with John, and God would do great things in John's lifetime. John would get people ready for the Lord's coming and turn them back to God. He would lead people who disobey God to change how they were living.

"How can I know that you are telling the truth?" Zechariah asked. "I am an old man, and my wife is getting old too." Was it even possible for Elizabeth to have a baby? The angel answered, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God. God sent me to tell you this good news. Now listen! You will not be able to talk until the day these things happen because you did not believe me. Everything I said will really happen."

The crowd that had been praying outside started to wonder what was taking Zechariah so long. When Zechariah finally came out of the sanctuary, he could not speak.

The people realized Zechariah had seen a vision. The only way Zechariah could communicate with the people was by motioning with his hands. When Zechariah finished serving at the temple, he went back home.

After this happened, Zechariah's wife Elizabeth found out she was going to have a baby. She stayed in her house for five months. Elizabeth said, "God has done this for me. He has helped me and has given me a baby."

Elizabeth and Zechariah Art

Today's Art and Coloring Sheet are found in your December packet.

- Mary Visited Elizabeth Puppet Figures
- "My Mom and Dad named me..." Glue baby Jesus into the middle of the manger.
- Elizabeth and Zechariah Puzzle

Pray About What You Have Learned

Dear Jesus, Thank you for the continued miracles that we see in Your Word! Thank you for giving Zechariah and Elizabeth a baby, even though they are old! Thank you that You gave a promise to Zechariah that his baby would pave the way for You! You are coming and we can't wait! Thank you for changing the world! In Jesus name I pray, Amen