

Calvary Kids

April 17th and 18th 2021
John Was Born
Bible Passage: Luke 1



MEMORY VERSE

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word
was with God, and the Word was God."
John 1:1

**Thank you so much for watching our Calvary Kids online message today!!
Here are some fun ways to dig deeper into today's lesson with the entire family.**

1. TODAY'S BIBLE LESSON SUMMARY

Zechariah and his wife, Elizabeth, had no children. They loved God and Zechariah was a priest. Twice a year, Zechariah, went to the temple in Jerusalem to serve and do his duties. One day, Zechariah was chosen to enter the Sanctuary of the Lord and burn incense while the people gathered outside to pray. Suddenly an angel appeared and stood next to the altar. Zechariah was terrified. "Do not be afraid! God heard your prayer. Your wife will have a son and you will name him John," the angel said. God's Spirit will be with him, and he will get people ready for the Messiah." John will help people turn back to God. John would go ahead of the Lord and get people ready for His coming. Zechariah asked the angel, "How can this happen? My wife and I are both old." The angel replied, "God sent me to give you the good news." Zechariah did not believe the angel's message, so God made it that Zechariah could not speak until his son was born. When Zechariah left the temple, the people outside realized he could not talk. They knew Zechariah had had a vision. Zechariah was done serving in Jerusalem and he went home to Elizabeth. After a time, Elizabeth became pregnant and gave birth to a son. They named him John. The Holy Spirit filled John. Finally, Zechariah could speak again! He praised God and God's Spirit was with John. Zechariah told the people God's words: "God has come to help His people. He will save us through David's family. He will rescue us from our enemies." Zechariah then spoke to John, "You will be called a prophet of the Most-High. You will go before the Lord to prepare the way for Him." The time had come. God was going to bring His Light into the dark world. Peace was coming for God's people. John grew and lived in the wilderness until God called him to get people ready for Jesus.

2. EXPERIENCE THE STORY

- **Family Activity (Do the following activity together as a family to reinforce the Bible Lesson and spend time together.)**

For a fun family activity, play "Zipped Lips." Task your family with completing a challenge like acting out their favorite TV program, Movie or use their bodies to make different shapes on the ground. Inform everyone that they may not speak while completing these challenges. Have fun and be creative. Discuss how we spend a lot of time speaking to communicate with each other and it is hard to get our thoughts across without talking. Talk about how in our lesson, Zechariah doubted God and God made it so he could not speak, until God, kept His promise to give him and his wife Elizabeth a baby boy, John.

3. FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (Have a family discussion about the Bible Lesson and ask the following questions. Retell the story if needed by reading the Bible Passages from our lesson.)

1. **Who appeared to Zechariah at the temple?** (An angel appeared to Zechariah.)
2. **What did the angel tell Zechariah?** (That Zechariah's wife, Elizabeth would have a son. They would name him John.)
3. **Why didn't Zechariah believe the angel at first?** (Zechariah and his wife were both very old.)
4. **Why was Zechariah unable to speak until John was born?** (Because he did not believe the angel.)
5. **Why was John born?** (John was born to prepare the people for Jesus.)
6. **What did God say would happen to people who honored Him?** (That they would be happy and jump and play like calves.)

7. **When is it easy to obey God? When is it hard to obey God?** (When we believe and ask God into our hearts, and surround ourselves with other believers, it makes our obedience to God easier. Our obedience can be made difficult when we are surrounded by people who do not love God. God promises to be with us always and strengthen us and He will reward us for our obedience.)
8. **What should we do when we realize that we have sinned?** (We must confess our sins and ask for forgiveness. Jesus paid the price for our sins and we can gain forgiveness through Him.)

4. PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE: (Help kids memorize and understand their Bible Verse.)

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” John 1:1

SAY: Our memory verse comes from the Book of John and the writer of this Book, was not John the Baptist. The Book of John was written by one of Jesus’ closest friends and disciples. He wrote the Book of John and stated it by explaining who Jesus is. Jesus is God and was with God in the beginning. Though Jesus wasn’t born as a human until many years after creation, He has always existed. Which means that even before Jesus was born as a baby, He already existed with God the Father and God the Spirit. Jesus is both fully God and fully human. Jesus is both fully God and fully human.

5. FAMILY REFLECTION AND PRAYER: (Time to reflect on the over arching theme of our Bible Lesson and spend time in Prayer.)

SAY: Shortly before Jesus was born, God planned for another baby to be born. God’s people God used the lives of Zechariah, Elizabeth, and their son John to bring glory to Himself. Elizabeth would have been too old to have a baby, but God allowed her to have John anyway. When Zechariah believed God’s word, he praised God. Their son John would get people ready for the most important Son, to ever be born, Jesus. John would point people to Jesus, and they would praise God for keeping His promises to send the Savior. Ultimately, Jesus died on the cross and rose again to glorify God and make the way for us to be saved. The time had come. God was going to bring His light into the dark world. Peace was coming for God’s people.

For some additional activities and discussion questions, please check out the Family Experience Page below.

FAMILY EXPERIENCE

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In 2021 Remember To

“Place your hope in Jesus!
He is our hope, our joy, our peace,
our comfort, and our security.”

MAIN POINT: Luke 1

John was born to prepare the way for Jesus.

FAMILY TIME QUESTIONS

- Why did Zechariah not believe the angel at first? What did Zechariah do when he could not speak?
- What special job did God have for John?
- How can we learn to trust God? Why is it important to obey God by faith?

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Spend time together as a family.

- For a fun family activity, parents plan one-on-one time with your children. If possible, take your child out for a meal, on an adventure, go somewhere fun or go on a quiet walk. While you are spending time with your child, tell them about how they became a part of your family. Talk about how you got ready for their arrival, were there any scary parts to their arrival and what was the most exciting thing about them becoming a part of your family.

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