

The Gospel Project March 22-28 | “John Was Born”

- **Story Point:** John was born to prepare the way for Jesus.
- **Bible Passage:** Luke 1
- **Key Passage:** John 1:1-2
- **BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**
 - Q: Is Jesus God or a human?
 - A: As the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.

Tips for Family Devotions

1. Aim small, miss small.

Start off small. Don't do anything over 10 minutes. If you have young ones, expect them to wiggle. Don't aim for perfection.

Aim to just do something in a gospel-oriented direction.

2. Pick a Time, but anytime is better than none at all.

Transition times are usually good reminders to do a devotion. Kids start to go to bed? Have them sit around for a couple of minutes and listen to a story. Before dinner or right after dinner are good times to do it as well. Even in the car is great.

Did you forget to have devotions with the family? Something is better than nothing. Grab a Bible App on your phone, have one of your older kids read from the Proverbs that coincides with the day of the month it is—there are 31 Proverbs at around 31 days each month. Talk about a particular Proverb that caught your attention. What caught their attention? This is a great car devotion.

3. Embrace the Awkwardness

Yes. If you haven't talked to your kids about spiritual matters or opened the Bible with them, it can feel awkward. Embrace it! Even call it out, “Hey guys I know this feels awkward, but I think it is important.”

4. You will fail. So what?

This is about creating a culture in your family, not a program. You will fail. You will miss nights. So what? We all do. Keep going.

Day 1

1. Read Luke 1:1-24

2. Talk About it

Q :Who appeared to Zechariah?

A: an angel

Q: What did the angels tell Zechariah?

A: Elizabeth, his wife, would have a son named John.

Q: Why didn't Zechariah believe the angel at first?

A: He and Elizabeth were both very old.

3. Pray

Day 2

1. Review the Story

Zechariah and his wife, Elizabeth, were old and had no children. They lived outside of Jerusalem in the hill country and did what was right. Zechariah was a priest and at that time, King Herod ruled over Judea. Twice a year, Zechariah went to the temple in Jerusalem to carry out his duties as a priest.

Many priests served in the temple. One day, Zechariah was chosen to go into the sanctuary of the Lord and burn incense. People gathered outside to pray, and Zechariah went inside the sanctuary. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared. Zechariah was terrified!

“Do not be afraid, Zechariah,” the angel said. “God heard your prayer. Your wife will have a son, and you will name him John. His birth will bring you joy. God will be with Him. The Holy Spirit will fill him even before he is born.” The angel said that John would help many 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 I know this will happen? I’m old, and my wife is old.”

The angel said, “God sent me to tell you this good news. Because you did not believe my words, you won’t be able to speak until these things happen.” Zechariah left the temple. The people outside realized he had seen a vision and could not talk. When he was done serving in Jerusalem, Zechariah went home to Elizabeth. In time, she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives rejoiced.

Zechariah and Elizabeth named their son John. Suddenly, Zechariah could speak again. He began praising God. The people who lived nearby could tell that God was with John. The Holy Spirit filled John. Zechariah praised God and 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.” Then he spoke to John: “And 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 darkness of the world. Peace was coming for God’s people. John grew up and lived in the wilderness until God called him to get the people ready for Jesus.

Christ Connection: When Zechariah believed God’s word, he praised God. John was born to prepare the way for Jesus. John would point people to Jesus, and they would praise God for keeping His promise to send the Savior.

Day 2 (cont.)

2. Talk about it.

Q: Who appeared to Zechariah?

A: an angel

Q: What did the angels tell Zechariah?

A: Elizabeth, his wife, would have a son named John.

Q: Why didn't Zechariah believe the angel at first?

A: He and Elizabeth were both very old.

Q: Why did God make Zechariah unable to talk until John was born?

A: Because he did not believe the angel.

Q: Why was John born?

A: John was born to get people ready for Jesus.

Q: Is Jesus God or a human?

A: Jesus is both fully God and fully human.

3. Pray

Day 3

1. Review the Story.

2. Read the Key Passage John 1:1

John is using the word WORD as another name for Jesus.
The Apostle John is telling us that Jesus is God. Jesus is eternal.

3. Watch the Bible Story with your kids.

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