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FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Share what you know about your own family history.
- Does anyone else in your family follow Jesus? How does that make you feel?
- What kinds of people are in Jesus' family tree? What does this tell you about God?

From Adam to Jesus

Matthew 1; Luke 3; John 1

STORY POINT: JESUS' FAMILY LINE PROVED HE IS THE MESSIAH.

God the Son has always existed. All along, God planned to send His Son to earth to save people from sin. At just the right time, Jesus came to earth as a baby. Jesus is different than any other baby who was ever born because He is fully God and fully human.

Like all people on earth, Jesus' family had a history—a family tree. Jesus was born into the family of Abraham and the family of King David. Abraham had a son named Isaac. When Isaac had a family, one of his sons was named Jacob. Jacob was part of Jesus' family.

Years later, a man named Salmon was born into Jesus' family tree. He married Rahab. Rahab had a baby named Boaz. Boaz married Ruth. Boaz and Ruth had a son named Obed.

Obed's son was Jesse. Jesse had many sons; his youngest was David. David was just a boy when he was chosen to be Israel's king. David's son Solomon was a king. King Jehoshaphat was part of Jesus' family, and so was Uzziah, Ahaz, Hezekiah, and Josiah.

Then Shealtiel was born. His son was Zerubbabel. Later, Matthan came along. Matthan's son was named Jacob, and Jacob's son was named Joseph. Joseph is the man who married Jesus' mother, Mary. Joseph raised Jesus as his own son. Jesus was truly God's Son—the Messiah.

Christ Connection: Jesus came to earth as a human. Jesus had earthly parents, Mary and Joseph, but His true Father is God. Through Jesus, God kept His promises to Abraham and David. Jesus saves people from their sins and adopts them into God's family.



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Jesus Words

List words or phrases that describe Jesus.

Family Line Matching

Match each description to the correct person from Jesus' family line. Write the numbers in the circles.



She hid Israelite spies from the king of Jericho. (Joshua 2:2-4)



God chose her to be the mother of Jesus. (Luke 1:30-31)



This faithful king of Judah tore down the Israelites' idols. (2 Kings 18:1-4)



God promised to make him the father of many nations. (Genesis 17:5)



She cared for her mother-in-law, Naomi, and married Boaz. (Ruth 4:9-10)



He became king of Judah at eight years old and repaired the temple. (2 Kings 22:1-5)



He married Rebekah and had two sons, Esau and Jacob. (Genesis 25:20-26)



God chose him to be Jesus' earthly father. (Matthew 1:18-21)



He led God's people to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. (Ezra 5:2)



God promised that every future king of Israel would come from his family. (2 Samuel 7:12-17)



1. Abraham



2. Isaac



3. Rahab



4. Ruth



5. David



6. Hezekiah



7. Josiah



8. Zerubbabel



9. Mary



10. Joseph

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FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Do you ever doubt God's goodness toward you? Why?
- Where can we find God's messages for His people?
- Why is it important to obey God by faith?

John Was Born

Luke 1

STORY POINT: JOHN WAS BORN TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR JESUS.

Twice a year, Zechariah went to the temple in Jerusalem to carry out his duties as a priest. One day, Zechariah was chosen to go into the sanctuary of the Lord and burn incense. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared. Zechariah was terrified! "Do not be afraid, Zechariah," the angel said. "God heard your prayer. Your wife, Elizabeth, will have a son, and you will name him John." 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?"

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. Zechariah went home to Elizabeth. In time, she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. Zechariah and Elizabeth named their son John. Suddenly, Zechariah could speak again. 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."

John grew up and lived in the wilderness until God called him to get the people ready for Jesus.

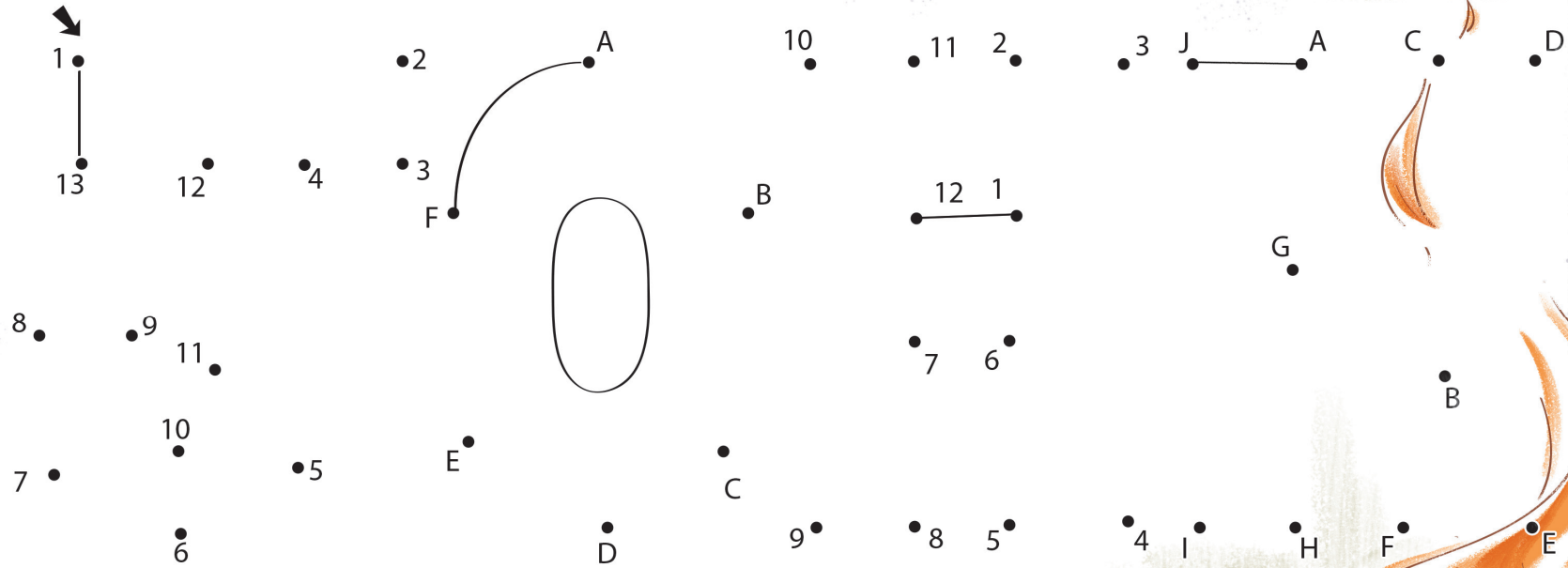
Christ Connection: When Zechariah believed God's word, he praised God. John was born to prepare the way for Jesus. John would point people to Jesus, and they would praise God for keeping His promise to send the Savior.



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His Name Is ...

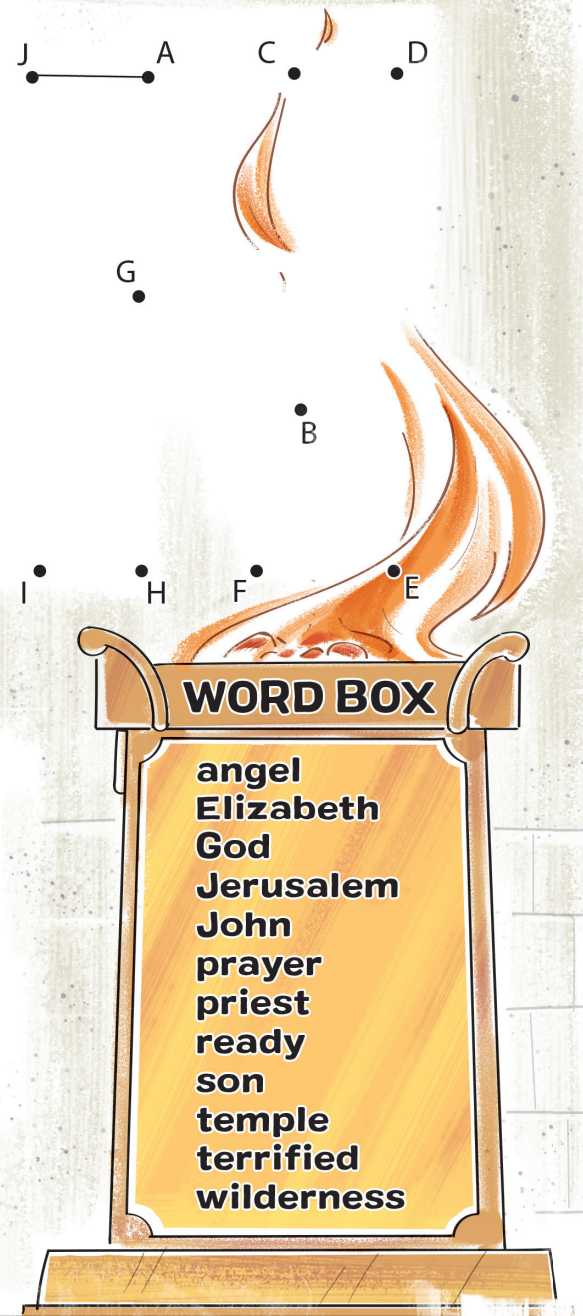
Complete the four dot-to-dots to discover the name of Zechariah's son.



Missing Words

Fill in the blanks with words from the word box.

- Twice a year, Zechariah went to the _____ in _____ to carry out his duties as a _____.
- Zechariah went inside the sanctuary. Suddenly, an _____ of the Lord appeared. Zechariah was _____!
- The angel said, "God heard your _____. Your wife will have a _____, and you will name him _____.
- The angel said that John would help many people turn back to _____. John would go ahead of the Lord and get people _____ for His coming.
- Zechariah's wife, _____, gave birth to a son. John grew up and lived in the _____ until God called him to get the people ready for Jesus.



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FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Why do you think God planned for His Son to be born in a stable?
- Have you ever felt God calling you to do something? What did you do?
- How can you show God's love to others?

Jesus Was Born

Luke 2

STORY POINT: JESUS WAS BORN TO BE GOD'S PROMISED SAVIOR.

Mary and Joseph lived in Nazareth. During the time Mary was pregnant, the Roman emperor announced that everyone needed to be registered. Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem.

While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. Mary and Joseph looked for a safe place to stay, but every place was full. So Mary and Joseph found a place where animals were kept, and that is where Mary had her baby. Joseph named Him Jesus.

That night, some shepherds were watching over their sheep in the fields near Bethlehem. Suddenly, an angel stood before them and the glory of the Lord shone around them. The angel said, "I have very good news for you and for all the people: Today a Savior, who is the Messiah and the Lord, was born for you in the city of David." Then the angel said, "You will find a baby wrapped tightly in cloth and lying in a manger."

Suddenly, a whole army of angels appeared, praising God. The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph and the baby, who was lying in the feeding trough. Then the shepherds went and told others about the baby Jesus. The shepherds returned to their fields, praising God because everything had happened just as the angel said.

Christ Connection: The birth of Jesus was good news! Jesus was not an ordinary baby. He is God's Son, sent to earth from heaven. Jesus, the promised Savior, came into the world to deliver us from sin and death.



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4	God's	Savior	promised		
3		to			
2	was		be born		
1		Jesus			
	A	B	C	D	E

Story Stars

Find the word for each coordinate to write out the story point for today's Bible story.

C1	A2	E2	B3
D2	A4	E4	C4

True or False?

Mark whether each statement is true or false. If the statement is false, make it right by replacing the underlined word.

- True False 1.** Mary and Joseph lived in the town of Nazareth. They traveled to Bethlehem for a census.
- True False 2.** Mary had her baby, and Joseph named the baby David.
- True False 3.** That night, an angel appeared to some shepherds in their fields.
- True False 4.** The angel said, "Don't be angry! I have very good news for you and for all the people: Today a Savior, who is the Messiah and the Lord, was born for you in the city of David."
- True False 5.** Suddenly, a whole army of soldiers appeared, praising God.
- True False 6.** When the angels left, the shepherds hurried to Bethlehem and found the baby laying in a feeding trough.
- True False 7.** Everyone who heard about Jesus was surprised and amazed.
- True False 8.** The shepherds returned to their fields, worried because everything had happened just as the angel said.

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FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How can we know for sure that Jesus is God's Son?
- Discuss your family's commitment to following and serving the Lord together.
- How should we spend our time waiting for Jesus' second coming?

Jesus Was Dedicated

Luke 2

STORY POINT: SIMEON AND ANNA WORSHIPED JESUS AS THE MESSIAH.

One day, when Jesus was a few weeks old, Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem. At the temple, Mary and Joseph presented Jesus to the Lord and offered two birds as a sacrifice.

Another man was at the temple. His name was Simeon. God's Spirit was with Simeon, and God had told Simeon that he would not die until he saw the One who would rescue people from their sin.

Simeon saw Jesus and picked Him up in his arms. Simeon said that Jesus would save God's people, the Israelites, and Jesus would also save people from other nations.

A woman named Anna was at the temple too. Anna came up to Simeon, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and she began to thank God. Anna talked about Jesus to people who were waiting for God to keep His promise to send a Savior. She told them the good news: the Savior was here!

Mary and Joseph finished dedicating Jesus and making sacrifices to God. Jesus grew up and was strong and healthy. He was wise, and God was happy with Him.

Christ Connection: Throughout the Old Testament, God promised the arrival of a king who would redeem people. When Jesus arrived, Simeon and Anna knew He was the promised Messiah. Today, we have faith that Jesus is God's Son. We can trust Jesus for our salvation, and like Simeon and Anna, we should share the good news.



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Seeing for Yourself

Cross out these words to find Simeon's message:

- contains 5 vowels
- is a color
- is an even number
- begins and ends with the same letter
- is a book of the Bible

Eye green I river have
Numbers seen harsh the beautiful
yellow One Two who Four Job dad
information will ease save blue people
celebration from Acts their six sin.

Who Did What?

Match each person from the Bible story to the correct description.
Find and read the Bible references to check your work.

Mary

- The Holy Spirit led him to the temple. (Luke 2:27-28)

Joseph

- He was dedicated to the Lord when He was a baby. (Luke 2:21-22)

Jesus

- She was told that being Jesus' mother would be difficult. (Luke 2:34-35)

Simeon

- She was a widow who told people about Jesus. (Luke 2:36-38)

Anna

- He and Mary were amazed at what Simeon said about Jesus. (Luke 2:16,33)



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FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How do you worship King Jesus?
- Jesus focused on pleasing the Father. What can you do that is pleasing to God?
- How do you think God feels when He looks at you?

Jesus as a Child

Matthew 2; Luke 2

STORY POINT: EVEN AS A CHILD, JESUS WANTED TO DO HIS FATHER'S PLAN.

After Jesus was born, wise men followed a star to Bethlehem to find the new king of the Jews. The wise men worshiped Jesus as King. Mary, Joseph, and Jesus went back to Nazareth. Jesus grew up in Nazareth.

Every year, Jesus' parents traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover feast. When Jesus was 12 years old, Jesus and His family went to Jerusalem together. When it was time to go home, Mary and Joseph began traveling to Nazareth. They didn't notice that Jesus was not with them; they thought He was among the group of travelers. But Jesus had stayed behind.

Mary and Joseph had been walking for a whole day when they started to look for Jesus. They went back to Jerusalem. They searched everywhere for Jesus. Finally, they found Him at the temple. Jesus was listening to the teachers and asking them questions. Everyone who heard Jesus could hardly believe how much Jesus understood. When Jesus' parents saw Him, they were surprised. Mary said, "Son, why have You done this? Your father and I were worried. We've been looking everywhere for You."

"Why were you looking for Me?" Jesus asked. "Didn't you know that I had to be in My Father's house?" Then Jesus went back to Nazareth with Mary and Joseph. Jesus was always obedient to them. As Jesus grew up, He became even wiser. God was pleased with Him, and so was everyone who knew Him.

Christ Connection: God sent Jesus to earth with a purpose. Even as a child, Jesus wanted to honor God. God blessed Jesus as He got ready to follow His Father's plan: to die on the cross and rescue people from sin.



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List of Learning

List things you have learned how to do in each period of your life so far. Then list things you think you'll learn in the future.

Birth to Age 5

Age 6 to Age 10

Age 11 to Age 18

Age 19 to Age 30

Lost and Found

Help Mary and Joseph find their way back to Jesus. Follow the path containing the words of today's Bible story point.

