



## CHALLENGE

Last session we asked you to try and remember a Bible verse. See who can remember it.

### **The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God** **Mark 1:1**



## EXPLORATION

This week we continue our series, Christmas is more than a..... This week is titled, Christmas is more than a promise.

Click [here](#) to find out what it is all about!



## VERSE

### **Luke 1:5-25**

In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly. But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old. Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside. Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years." The angel said to him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time."

Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering why he stayed so long in the temple. <sup>22</sup> When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple, for he kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak. When his time of service was completed, he returned home. After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion. "The Lord has done this for me," she said. "In these days he has shown his favour and taken away my disgrace among the people.



## MAIN THOUGHT

**God had promised He would rescue His people and restore their relationship with Him. God's people had been waiting for a long time, but God always keeps His promises!! Jesus has told us He is will never leave us alone, that we have a helper, the Holy Spirit, and that He is coming back and we can be assured that this is all true, because He always keeps His promises!!**



## DISCUSSION

*These are to guide the general conversation.*

1. Remember a time you had to wait for something.
2. Have you ever made a pinky promise? What was it about?
3. Name some of the promises God made in the Bible
4. How was Jesus a fulfillment of a promise?



## ACTIVITIES

### CRAFT ACTIVITY

#### GOD ALWAYS KEEPS HIS PROMISES

*When God rescued Noah he put a rainbow in the sky to remind everyone that God always keeps His promises. Jesus was the fulfillment of God's promise to His people, that He would rescue them and bring them back into friendship with Him forever!*



#### You Will Need:

- God Keeps His Promises sheet (at the end of guide)
- Textas, pencils or crayons.

Colour in the sheet and put it somewhere you will always see it so you always remember that God keeps His promises!!!

## ACTIVE ACTIVITY

### YOU WILL NAME HIM JESUS

Joseph was told by God in a dream to name the baby Jesus. This name means; 'He Saves'. This was God's way of telling Joseph, and all of us, that Jesus was the fulfillment of the promise God had made to His people so long ago.



#### You Will Need:

- A baby name book or Internet access

Names are important! Naming a child is a very important job, and parents think long and hard about what to name their baby! Discuss as a family how they came up with your name. Maybe you are named after someone else, or your name is a family one, passed down the generations. Once you have heard the story of your name, look up what it means. Does the meaning reflect your character?



## PRAYER

**God, we thank you that you always keep your promises!! We can trust you when you tell us something. Help us to be patient as we wait for Jesus to come again. Help us to not waste this time of waiting, but to use it to share your love, grace and forgiveness with others!! Amen.**



## BLESSING

**Name, may the peace of Christ fill your Christmas with so much more. Amen.**



## CHALLENGE

Try and remember this verse this week. Perhaps you and your family might like to make up some actions to help, or even a song? It's a big one this week!!

**"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them."  
Luke 1:68**

## COMMUNITY CONNECTION

**We would love to see how you and your family are growing faith in your home.**

Why not set up a mini 'Table' for the kids like we have been using at LifeWay? It can be as simple as paper and pencils, scissors and glue and Lego or Play dough. They can then make something while you watch the Live Stream as a family.

If you are happy to share photos or videos of what you have been doing please send them to Elise von Stanke [elise.vonstanke@lifeway.net.au](mailto:elise.vonstanke@lifeway.net.au) and we will share these with our community through Facebook and Instagram @lifewaylutheranchurch.

We would also love you to join us for KidsWay Live, our Zoom Life Group for our Primary School aged children. Email Elise for more information.

**THE LAST PAGE OF THE GUIDE IS THE ACTIVITY FOR KIDSWAY LIVE ON NOVEMBER 15. WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO JOIN US!!!!**

# Good Keeps His Promises

