

JOHN IS BORN

Luke 1:57-80

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⁵⁷When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son.

⁵⁸Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy.

⁵⁹On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, ⁶⁰but his mother spoke up and said, “No! He is to be called John.”

⁶¹They said to her, “There is no one among your relatives who has that name.”

⁶²Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child. ⁶³He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone’s astonishment he wrote, “His name is John.” ⁶⁴Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue was loosed, and he began to speak, praising God. ⁶⁵The neighbors were all filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things.

⁶⁶Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, “What then is this child going to be?” For the Lord’s hand was with him.

⁶⁷His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

⁶⁸ “Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people.

⁶⁹ He has raised up a horn of salvation for us

in the house of his servant David
⁷⁰ (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),

⁷¹ salvation from our enemies

and from the hand of all who hate us—
⁷² to show mercy to our fathers

and to remember his holy covenant,
⁷³ the oath he swore to our father

Abraham:

⁷⁴ to rescue us from the hand of our enemies,

and to enable us to serve him without fear

⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

⁷⁶ And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High;

for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,

⁷⁷ to give his people the knowledge of salvation

through the forgiveness of their sins,

⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven

⁷⁹ to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death,

to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

⁸⁰And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the desert until he appeared publicly to Israel.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What did Zechariah and Elizabeth name their son?
5		2.) What happened after Zechariah decided to name his son John? (Verse 64)
5		3.) What was John going to do when he got older? (Verse 76)
5		4.) What kind of man do you think John grew up to be?

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“...you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Luke 1:76</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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Elizabeth, Zechariah, and their new baby boy John

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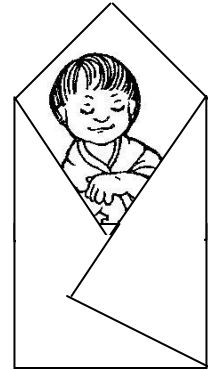
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: BUNDLED BABY

Students will make a baby bundled up in a blanket to remind them that John the Baptist was born to Elizabeth and Zechariah in their old age.

MATERIALS

1. White 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Bundled Baby Pattern
3. Glue
4. Cotton Balls
5. Scissors
6. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils



DIRECTIONS

1. Copy a “Bundled Baby Pattern” for each student on 67 lb. Cardstock.
2. Have students cut out the blanket on the solid black lines and cut out baby John.
3. Let students color baby John and the blanket (on both sides) with crayons, markers, or colored pencils.
4. Instruct students to crumple up the blanket in their hand and then smooth it out again. (Repeat this step 5-10 times. This makes the paper feel like cloth.)
5. Have students glue a cotton ball on the blanket as a pillow.
6. Place baby John in the blanket.
7. Glue the blanket around baby John.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their blankets and baby John, help them realize that this baby would one day prepare the way for Jesus’ ministry here on earth. Baby John would grow up to be John the Baptist.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

MEMORY VERSE

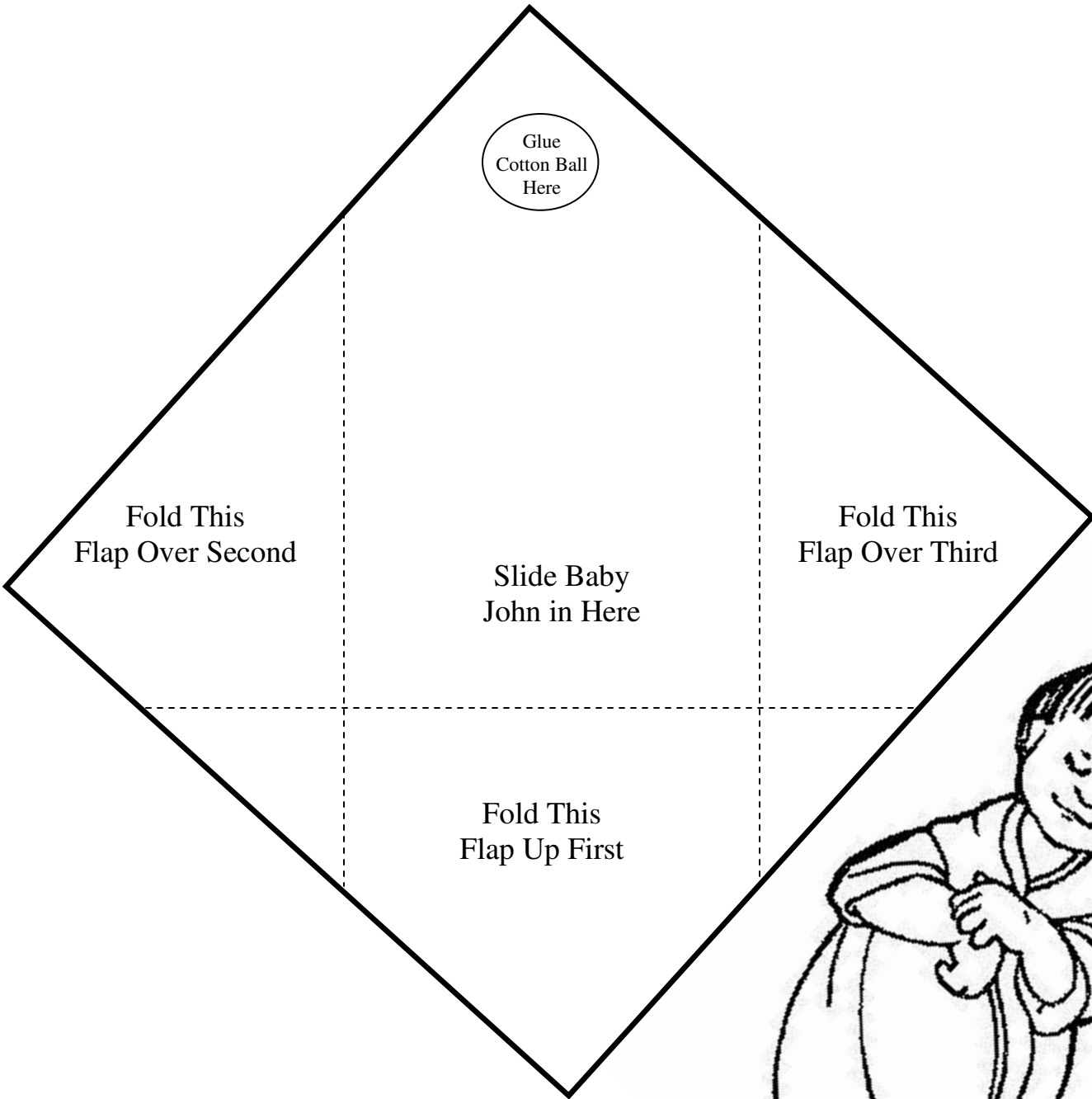
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BUNDLED BABY PATTERN



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Break the secret code to find out the name that Zechariah and Elizabeth's baby went by when he grew up.

a	△	k	◐	u	▮
b	+	l	▽	v	◌
c	▮	m	☆	w	▮▮▮
d	○	n	←	x	□
e	◻	o	▽	y	⊕
f	⊖	p	x	z	▮
g	▮	q	∩		
h	◇	r	⊗		
i	∪	s	△		
j	*	t	▮▮▮		

Elizabeth had a baby boy, just like the angel said she would. Zechariah and Elizabeth's relatives had opinions about what the baby's name should be. Most thought he should be called Zechariah or some other name that was in their family. But Elizabeth told them that the angel said what the baby should be named.

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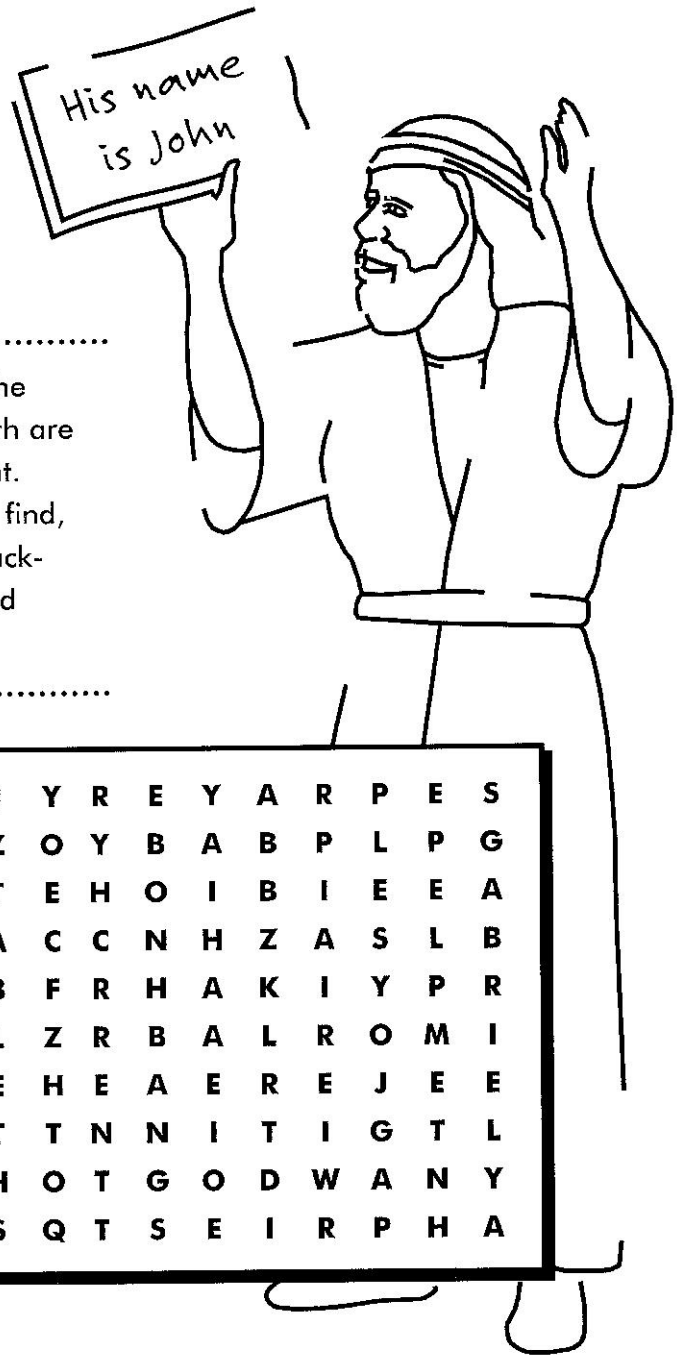
Word List

AFRAID
ANGEL
BABY
ELIZABETH
GABRIEL
GOD
JOHN
JOY
PRAYER
PRIEST
SILENT
SON
SPEAK
TABLET
TEMPLE
ZECHARIAH

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Important words from the Bible story of John's birth are hidden in this word hunt. See how many you can find, reading forward and backward, up and down, and diagonally.

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A SPECIAL REPORT ON LUKE 1:57-80

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Zechariah was visited by an angel named Gabriel. Gabriel told Zechariah that he and his wife Elizabeth, who were both very old, would have a baby boy.

Nine months later, Elizabeth had a baby boy. Eight days after that, they were going to name the baby Zechariah after his father. Elizabeth said, "No! He is to be called John."

The people were confused because none of their relatives were named John. The people made signs to Zechariah to see what he thought the boy's name should be. Zechariah was still unable to speak so he asked for a writing tablet. Zechariah wrote, "His name is John." Immediately Zechariah was able to speak. He began to praise God. The neighbors were filled with awe and everyone began talking about what had happened.

The people asked Zechariah what the child was going to be. Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and told the people that John would prepare the way of the Lord. John would teach people that Jesus would take away their sins.

John grew and became strong in spirit while he lived in the desert. Soon his time would come to tell Israel about Jesus.

To find out more details about this story, read Luke 1:57-80 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. What did Elizabeth and Zechariah name their son?
2. What happened after Zechariah decided to name his son John?
3. What was John going to do when he got older?
4. What kind of man do you think John grew up to be?

MEMORY VERSE

"...you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him."

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WORD SCRAMBLE

ZECHARIAH	JOHN	GABRIEL
ELIZABETH	JESUS	BOY

OYB _____

GLARBEI _____

HAIRAHCEZ _____

HETLEIBAZ _____

HJON _____

SSUJE _____