



December 1: Zechariah & Elizabeth

1. Can you share a time when you experienced an extended period of silence? What's good about silence? What are the downsides?
2. How does Zechariah respond to the angel's message, and what are the consequences of his response? Why do you think God did this in Zechariah's life?
3. Zechariah and Elizabeth had been praying for a child for many years. Have you ever experienced a long period of waiting for an answer to prayer? How did it affect your faith?
4. How is the birth of John, and then the birth of Jesus a way in which God spoke to the world? What was He saying to us?
5. Is God really silent? What are some other possibilities? How can we gain a better understanding of how God does speak to us, or helps us in our life day to day?

Family Questions

1. *Have you ever been in a really quiet place? What was it like? What do you like/not like about being quiet?*
2. *When an angel told Zechariah he would have a baby, how did he react? What happened to Zechariah because of how he responded?*
3. *When baby John and baby Jesus were born, God was telling people something important. What do you think God wanted people to know?*
4. *How do you think God speaks to us in our everyday life?*



December 8: Elizabeth & Mary

1. Can you share a time when you faced a situation that seemed impossible, but somehow it worked out?
2. The angel told Mary she would conceive a child as a virgin. How would you describe Mary's reaction to the angel's message?
3. In what areas of your life do you find it difficult to believe that "nothing will be impossible with God"?
4. How does Mary's faith and obedience challenge or inspire you in your "impossible" situations?
5. What steps can you take to cultivate a faith like Mary's, who trusted God even when faced with an impossible situation?

Family Questions

1. *Has something really difficult or impossible ever turned out okay in the end?
What made you think it wouldn't work out?*
2. *When the angel told Mary she was going to have a special baby, how do you think she felt?*
3. *Mary believed God even when something seemed impossible. What can we learn from her?
When has it been hard for you to be brave like Mary?*
4. *What helps you remember that God can do amazing things?*



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December 15: Simeon & Anna

1. Have you ever had a “gut feeling” about something that later came true? Share your experience with the group. What’s the difference between this kind of experience, and the prophecy found in Luke 2?
2. How would you describe the reactions of Simeon and Anna when they saw the baby Jesus?
3. How does Anna’s response to seeing Jesus differ from Simeon’s? What might this tell us about different forms of prophecy?
4. Simeon and Anna had been waiting for the “consolation of Israel” (Luke 2:25). Is there something you’re currently waiting on God for in your life?
5. Try setting aside time each day to listen for God’s voice during the holiday season. Keep a journal of any impressions, scriptures, or insights you receive.

Family Questions

1. *Have you ever had a feeling something would happen, and then it did? What happened?*
2. *How is that different from how Simeon and Anna knew about baby Jesus?*
3. *Simeon and Anna were both happy to see Jesus, but they showed it differently. What did each of them do?*
4. *How do you think God talks to people today?*
5. *Take some time to make a special holiday notebook. Each day, write down or draw:*
 - *Things that made you think about God*
 - *Special Bible verses you heard*
 - *Times you felt God was close to you*



December 22: John the Baptist

1. What similarities and differences do you notice between John's approach to ministry and how we typically share our faith today?
2. How does John respond to the different groups of people who come to him in Luke 3:10-14? What does this tell us about his message?
3. John's ministry was characterized by boldness and a clear message. How comfortable do you feel sharing your faith in your daily life? What challenges do you face?
4. John was described as "a voice of one calling in the wilderness" (Luke 3:4-6), living his entire life on mission for God. In what ways might God be calling you to be a voice in the "wilderness" of your own environment, at work, school or in your community?
5. As you look toward Christmas, what opportunities might you have to share Jesus with others?

Family Questions

1. *John told people about Jesus in his own special way. How do we tell others about Jesus today? What's different about how we do it?*
2. *John was very brave when he told people about Jesus. Where could you tell people about Jesus? Maybe at school? With your friends? In your neighborhood?*
3. *John spent his whole life helping people know God. What are some ways you could help people know about Jesus every day? Even little things can make a big difference!*
4. *Christmas is a great time to tell people about Jesus! Can you think of someone you'd like to tell about Jesus this Christmas?*