



Zechariah and Elizabeth Obeyed

Luke 1:5-25, 39-45, 57-66 | Winter Unit 3 Session 4

Wednesday 15th and Sunday 26th

Unit Verse

Love one another as I have loved you. John 15:12

Life Point

Family can do what God says.

Level of Biblical Learning

Families worship God together.

Devotion

Is church a great place to learn how to obey God? Of course! But we live and work outside of our churches, so being obedient to God is much more challenging. Considering the temptations we face, we must ask the hard question: Is obedience the real problem or does the problem reflect our weak relationship with God—not on His part but on ours?

The people of the Bible were real people with real problems and struggles just like us. Consider Elizabeth and Zechariah, for instance. Zechariah served as a priest, but he and Elizabeth could not have children. Not being able to have children was shameful in Bible times, and most people believed that barrenness was God’s punishment for sinful behavior. So how could it be true that God was punishing them when the Bible clearly states in verse 6 that they both were blameless and righteous? Obviously, Zechariah and Elizabeth listened to and learned from God and then chose to obey God, so why were they experiencing this hardship?

As their story unfolds, we discover God’s plan for them, for their son, and for the Savior, whom God was readying to send to the world! While the people were praying outside, Zechariah served inside the temple. Suddenly, an angel of God appeared to him and reported that God would answer his prayer for a baby. The angel said that Zechariah and Elizabeth, in their old age, would have a son and name their baby John. When the child was born, Zechariah and Elizabeth obeyed and named their son John.

From Zechariah and Elizabeth’s story we can learn that God wants families to love and obey Him. God wants us to be a part of what He is doing. Think of your daily routine and the people with whom you interact. Name a way you can love, honor, and obey God with each person or step of your routine.

Help kids know that each person is responsible for the choices he or she makes. Guide kids to discover that they can live in ways that obey God even if other family members do not obey God.



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Bible Skills

The first 5 Books of the Old Testament were all written by Moses and called the books of Law. (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy)

Play:

1. Memory
2. Bingo
3. Spell It Out
 - a. For older students

S.O.A.P

Scripture:

The Complete Illustrated Children’s Bible,

- “His Name is John” page 381
- Point out under the title it says **Luke.**

Or Lead Teacher may have you read the Unit review book about family rather than reading from the Bible.

Observation & Application:

- Play “Drop in the Bucket” instructions on backside

Prayer:

- Ask for prayer requests.
- Feel free to say your own prayer of use the prayer below.

“Drop in the Bucket”

Need:

- 2 bucket
- Yes/smiley face and no/sad face placemat
- baggies of pom-poms

Set Up:

- put both buckets in the middle each with either the yes or no placemat under
- give each student a handful of pom-poms

“Families can do what God says. The Bible teaches people what is right and wrong. God wants people to obey His words in the Bible.”

Do:

- Read each scenario.
- If the person obeys God’s word drop a pom-pom into the yes bucket. If the person does not obey drop a pom-pom into the no bucket.
- Talk about each scenario. Remind preschoolers that the Bible teaches families how to obey God.
- Continue with observation questions, if a child can answer the question allow them to drop a pom-pom in the bucket.

Use the following scenarios or make up your own:

- 1. Sam listens to his mom when she talks to him.**
- 2. Anna takes a toy from her sister without asking.**
- 3. Sarah and Catherine argue and say unkind words.**
- 4. Carlos helped wash the family car.**
- 5. Amir and Makena went to church with their family.**
- 6. Liam helped his little sister tie her shoe.**

Observation:

What was Zechariah doing when the angel visited him?

What message did the angel have for Zechariah?

Why did Zechariah think the message could not be true?

What did Zechariah and Elizabeth name their baby?

Application:

- Think: What is a way your family does what God says?