



THE STORY @ HOME— NORTH

Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story
Narrative Lectionary, Year 2 (2023-2024)

Lesson #2-11
Luke 1:5-13 [14-25], 57-80

THIS WEEK

Zechariah and his wife Elizabeth are told they will have a son named John, a prophet who will lead the way to Jesus (Luke 1:5-13 [14-25], 57-80).

STORY SUMMARY

The Birth of John the Baptist

Elizabeth and Zechariah, both old in age, hoped and prayed for a child. Though they thought it impossible, God answered their prayers, and Elizabeth did have a son, who they named John. When John was born, Zechariah proclaimed and prophesied what his son would say and do. He prophesied that John would proclaim the return of God's kingdom. John did do these things. He proclaimed repentance and baptized people (this is why we call him "John the Baptist") in the Jordan River. Eventually, John baptized Jesus.

THE POINT

God sends people to point us towards Jesus.

BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

Between the Testaments

There are about 400 years between the end of the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible) and the beginning of the New Testament. The Old Testament ends with Judea under Persian rule. Judea remained under Persian rule until Alexander the Great conquered Persia in the late fourth century BCE.

Today I learned...

Luke 1:5-25, 57-80

John is born.

Birth stories are exciting! Tell the birth stories of your family members.

Luke 2:1-20

The promised Messiah arrives.

If you have a nativity scene in your home, act out this story with the characters. If not, draw what you imagine the scene looked like.

Mark 1:1-8

The Baptist prepares the way.

Make a paper megaphone and take turns reading John's announcement in verses 7 and 8.

Practice: Worship

In our times of worship, we pray for many things. God listens to us when we gather and will answer our prayers, even if the answer comes in an unusual way. This week, start a family prayer journal. Write down all of the prayers that you pray. Next month, reread what you wrote. How many of your prayers were answered? In what ways were they answered?

Up & Coming @ Hope!

- *North Campus Hopekids Sing in Church during Hopekids Hour*
- *Wednesday, Dec 6, 2nd-5th Grade*
- *Wednesday, Dec 13, Preschool- 1st*
- *Sunday, Dec 17, Preschool-5th Grade*
 - ***Sunday families please consider singing at both hours!*
- *Practice Songs online! <https://www.fargohope.org/children/>*