

PLAY a Game

Challenge your child to follow your directions: "Pat your head. Hop up and down. Pull on your ears." Add more directions. Mention that your child is obeying you by following your directions. Tell the Bible story (reverse side).

VERSE

Love others as I have loved you.

JOHN 15:12

MAKE PUDDING

Gather a box of instant pudding mix, milk, a measuring cup, a bowl, and a whisk or spoon. Work together to follow the instructions for making the pudding. Guide your child to do what you tell him to do to mix the pudding. Say: "You made the pudding by obeying the directions. We show love to God by obeying Him." Recall the Bible story as you eat the pudding together.



Look at FAMILY PICTURES Together

Look at photo albums or family pictures on your tablet or phone. Talk about the different family members in the pictures. Mention that in the Bible we read that Zechariah and Elizabeth had a baby that they named John.

BABIES



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CONVERSATION

Zechariah and Elizabeth Obeyed

BASED ON LUKE 1:5-25,39-45, 57-66

WEEKLY VERSE: We show love to God by obeying Him. *1 John 5:3*

LIFE POINT: Families can do what God says.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

The Bible story taught that families can do what God says. God gave a special baby to Zechariah and Elizabeth. They listened to God and did what He told them.

LIVE IT OUT

Review the Bible story with your child. Talk about how Zechariah and Elizabeth did what God said. Talk about the word *obey* with your child. Help him name ways to obey God.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

My family tells me about God.

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BABIES

God sent an angel (messenger) to tell Zechariah that he and Elizabeth would have a baby.

The angel (messenger) said to name the baby John.

Elizabeth had a baby boy. Zechariah and Elizabeth named the baby John.

Baby John grew up, loved God, and told people about Jesus.

1s

An angel (messenger) came to Zechariah as he worked in the temple.

The angel told Zechariah: "Elizabeth will have a son. Name him John. God has special plans for him when he grows up."

Later, Elizabeth had a baby boy.

They named him John.

He grew and became strong.

Zechariah and Elizabeth did what God said.

2s

Zechariah was a helper at the temple (church).

When it was his turn, Zechariah went inside the temple.

The angel Gabriel appeared there and surprised him.

The angel told Zechariah: "Elizabeth will have a son. You will name him John. He is part of God's plan."

Later Elizabeth had a baby boy. They named him John like they were told to do. John grew up and became strong.

Zechariah and Elizabeth obeyed God.



**GET READY
for a BABY**

Zechariah was surprised when his wife Elizabeth was going to have a baby. Look at the pictures.

VERSE
"We show love to God by obeying Him."
1 John 5:3

FILL IN the CIRCLES on the pictures of people who are getting ready to have a baby.

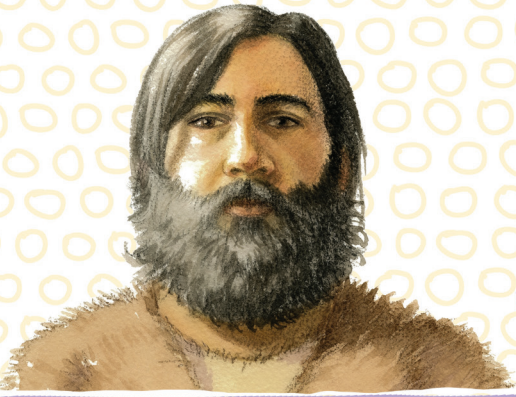


Families OBEY Families do what God says. God told Zechariah what to name his baby boy.

TRACE the letters below to see what Zechariah said his baby's name would be.

His name is

J O H N



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Zechariah and his wife, Elizabeth, were old. They did not have a baby, so they prayed that God would give them one.

Zechariah was a helper at the temple (church). While he was praying, he saw an angel. He was frightened!

“Do not be afraid!” the angel said. “God heard your prayers. Elizabeth will have a baby boy. You must name him John. When he grows up, he will tell people about God’s Son, Jesus.”

Zechariah asked, “How can this be? My wife and I are old.”

The angel said, “Because you do not believe me, you will not be able to talk until after baby John is born.” Zechariah could only make motions with his hands to explain what had happened.

During this time, Mary came to visit Elizabeth. Elizabeth knew that Mary was going to be the mother of Jesus, God’s Son.

Later, Elizabeth had a baby boy. Zechariah and Elizabeth were happy! Their friends came to visit, and Elizabeth said, “We will name him John.” Zechariah wrote on a tablet, “His name is John.”

Suddenly Zechariah could talk! He praised God and thanked Him for baby John.

VERSE
 "We show love to God by obeying Him."
 1 John 5:3



— Ways to —
OBEY

Look at the pictures.
 Talk about the ways the families are obeying God. Circle the ones your family does. Put a ✓ by the ones you would like to do.









Find the Missing **LETTERS**

Find the missing letter for each word of the Life Point by matching the color of each word with the missing letter. Read the sentence with your teacher.

F milies c n d

wh t G d s ys.

-  a  a  a
-  a  o  o



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CONVERSATION

Zechariah and Elizabeth Obeyed

LUKE 1:5-25,39-45,57-66

Zechariah was a priest who worked in the temple. His wife was named Elizabeth. Zechariah and Elizabeth were old, and they did not have any children. God was pleased with the way Zechariah and Elizabeth lived. They tried to always do what God said.



Zechariah was working in the temple. God sent an angel named Gabriel to speak with Zechariah. Gabriel told Zechariah that he and Elizabeth would have a son; they were to name him John. God had an important plan for the child.

Zechariah replied to Gabriel, "How can this be true? I am old and so is my wife!"

Since he did not believe what the angel said, Gabriel said that Zechariah would not be able to talk until the baby was born and named John.

When the baby was born, people wanted to name the baby Zechariah, like his father. Elizabeth said his name was John, and Zechariah wrote on a tablet *His name is John*.

Zechariah could speak again. He began to praise and worship God.

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Families worship God together.

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Zechariah and Elizabeth Obeyed God

VERSE

"Loving God means
keeping His
commandments..."
1 JOHN 5:3

What Is My Name?

Match the names on the name tags to the statements below.

My name is
Elizabeth

My name is
Zechariah

My name is
John

My name is
Mary

My name is
Gabriel

BB

I told Zechariah
to name the
baby John.

BB

I did not believe what
the angel Gabriel
told me, then I was
unable to speak.

BB

I came to visit my
relative Elizabeth to
tell the good news
about my baby.

BB

My baby leaped inside
me when I heard
Mary's greeting.

BB

I would tell people
about Jesus when
I grew up.

I Can Obey!

God wants families to obey Him. Zechariah and Elizabeth obeyed God in the Bible story. Print your name on the name tag. Select three different letters. Name a way your family can obey God that begins with each of the letters you selected. Write your answers on the lines provided. Share your answers with a friend.

My name is

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Zechariah and Elizabeth Obeyed God

LUKE 1:5-25,39-45,57-66

Zechariah was a priest. Elizabeth was his wife. They obeyed God every day. Elizabeth could not have children, and now they were old.

One day Zechariah was chosen to enter the temple and burn incense. People gathered to pray outside the temple. Suddenly the angel Gabriel appeared to Zechariah. He was terrified!

The angel told Zechariah not to be afraid because God heard their prayers. Zechariah and Elizabeth would have a son! Gabriel told Zechariah to name the baby John. God's Holy Spirit would be with John. When he grew up, John would tell people about the coming Savior. He would help people get ready to meet Jesus.

But Zechariah questioned what the angel said. "How can I know this?" The angel Gabriel silenced Zechariah because he did not believe what the angel told him.

When Zechariah came out of the temple he could not speak. He made signs with his hands. The people knew Zechariah had seen a vision.

When his work was finished, he went home with Elizabeth. Soon she was going to have a baby. Her relative Mary came to visit. Mary was also going to have a baby, who was Jesus, the Savior. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped for joy inside her. Elizabeth was filled with God's Spirit and she praised God.

The time came for Elizabeth's baby to be born. Everyone wanted to name him after his father, Zechariah. But Elizabeth insisted that his name would be John. They turned to Zechariah to see what he wanted to name the baby, but he still couldn't speak. He took a tablet and wrote "His name is John." Suddenly Zechariah could speak again! He praised God. The people were amazed and they feared God. They knew that God was with John.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: 1 John 5:3

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LIVE IT OUT

Talk to your child about ways to honor God. Emphasize that one way to honor God is to obey Him. Pray with your child that he will honor God with his actions and words.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God's plan for families is for them to love, respect, and help one another.

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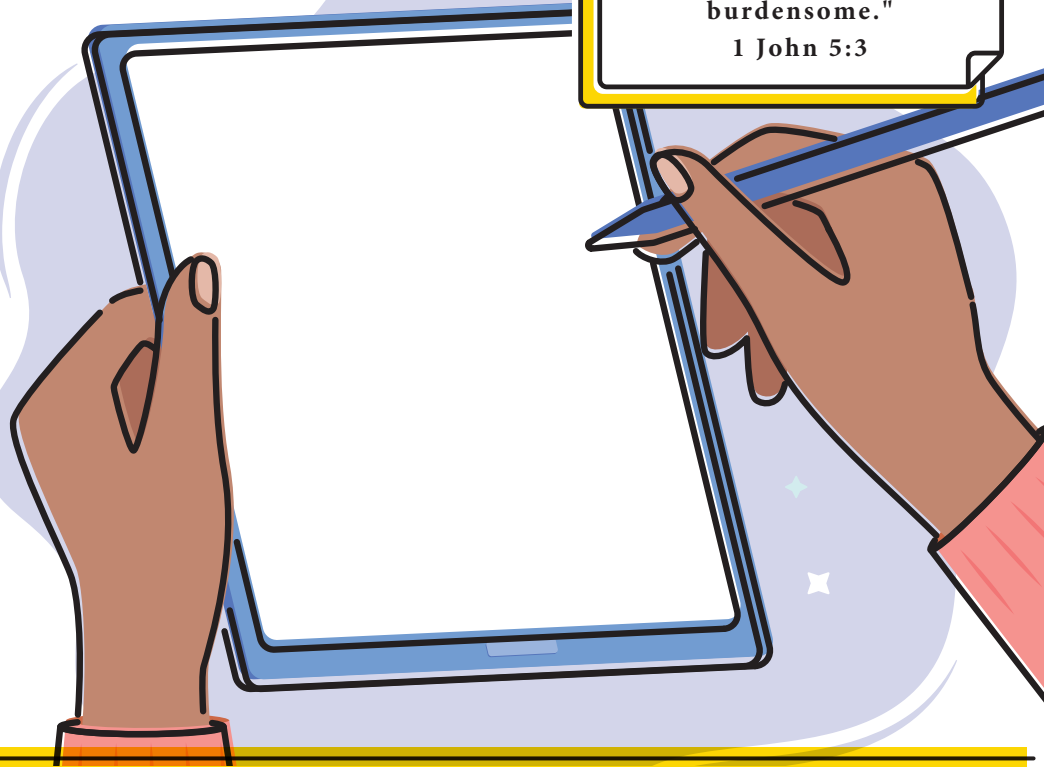
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"Loving God means keeping His commandments, and His commandments are not burdensome."
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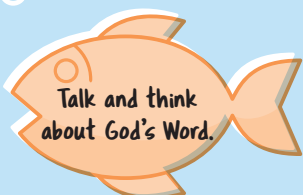
Tablet Talk

Zachariah obeyed God when he wrote on the tablet: *His name is John.* What is something you know you need to do to obey God? Write it on the tablet.



GO With the FLOW

First John 5:3 explains that when we keep God's commands, we are showing our love for Him. What are some things that your family does to keep God's commands? Find and read each Bible verse in your Bible. Draw a line to the statement that best matches it. You'll find some great ways to go with the flow!



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ANSWER LADDER

How can your family obey God together? These ladders will lead you to ways to do that.

"Loving God means keeping His commandments, and His commandments are not burdensome."
1 John 5:3

To find the ways, follow the "ladder" down until you reach a connecting point. Then turn until you reach a new connecting point, working your way to the bottom. The path may take you to the left or the right. Check your answers by finding the verses at the top of the ladder.

Deuteronomy 5:12

Joshua 1:8

Romans 12:10

1 Timothy 6:18

James 5:16

The first path is partly done so you can see how it works.



Honor one another.

Do good things for others.

Talk and think about God's Word.

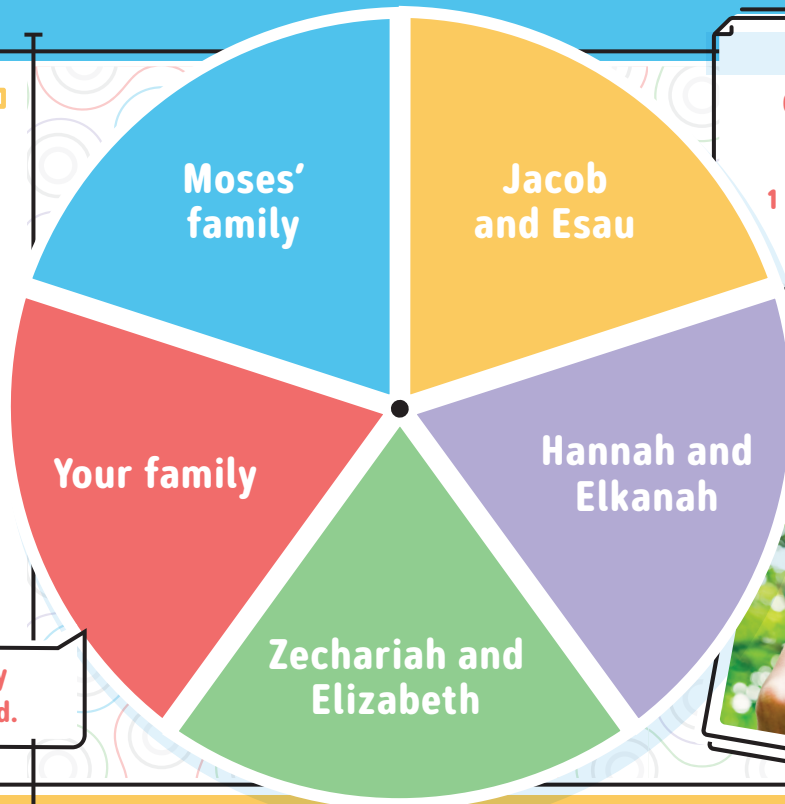
Pray for one another.

Set aside a day for rest and worship.

SPIN IT A MINUTE

Loop a paper clip over the pointy end of a pencil and then put the pencil point in the center of the circle to make a spinner. Keep spinning until your clip lands on all five wedges.

P.S. Tell how each family obeyed (or can obey) God.



HINTS

- Genesis 33:1-4
- Exodus 2:1-3
- 1 Samuel 1:3,9-12
- Luke 1:5-6



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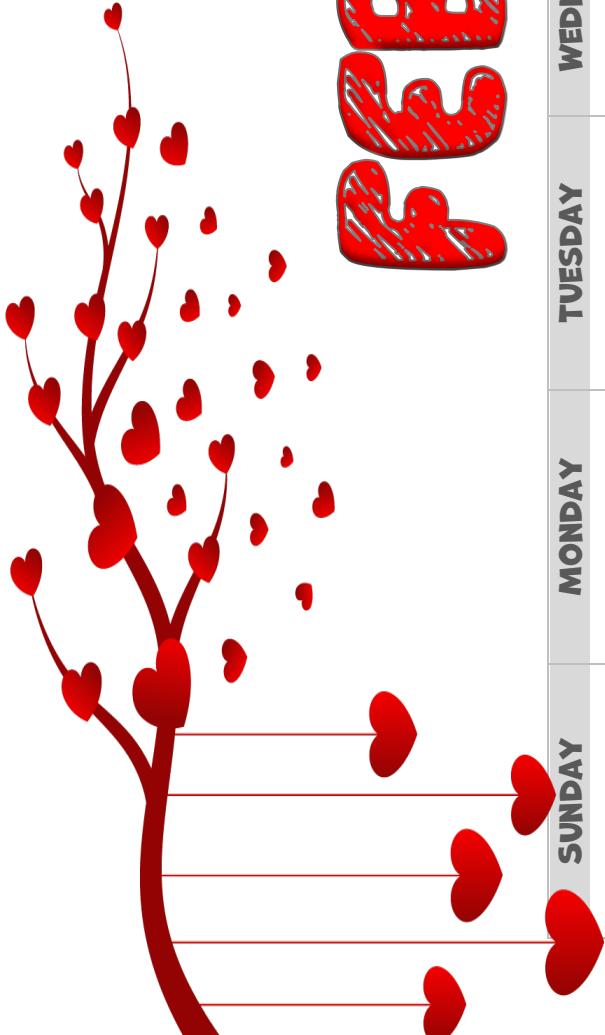
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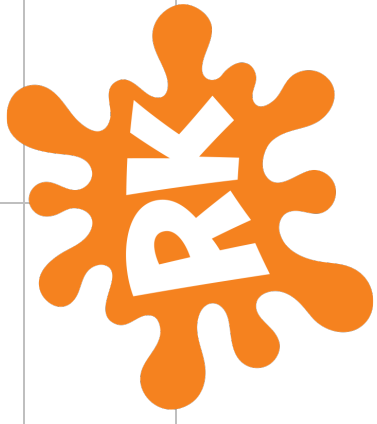
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4 John 15:12	5 Romans 12:9	6 Proverbs 22:6	7 Colossians 3:14	8 Ephesians 5:33	9 Proverbs 17:6	10 Ephesians 4:2
11 Matthew 6:14	12 Acts 10:43	13 Matthew 5:23-24	14 Mark 11:25	15 Psalm 32:1	16 Matthew 18:15	17 Matthew 7:2
18 Psalm 95:6	19 Romans 11:36	20 Psalm 150:6	21 Revelation 5:13	22 Psalm 34:1	23 Isaiah 12:4	24 Romans 14:11
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