

LESSON 2

THE BIRTHS OF JESUS AND JOHN THE BAPTIST

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The Births of Jesus and John the Baptist

Jesus' Birth	Fill In the Blanks
Luke 1:32-33, 35	The angel explained that the child would be "called the "_____ of the _____; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." He will be "called the _____ of _____."
Matthew 1:20-21	"But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the _____ _____. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name _____, for He will save His people from their _____.' So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 'Behold the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name _____,' which is translated, 'God with us.'"
Luke 2:10-12	"Then the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a _____, who is _____ the _____. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.'"

The Birth of John the Baptist	Fill In the Blanks
Luke 1:13-17	"But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the _____ _____, even from his mother's womb. And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will also go before Him in the _____ and _____ of _____, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people _____ for the Lord.'

What do the births of Jesus and John the Baptist teach us?

1. Their births were special and part of God's plan.

God's plan for Jesus was for Him to be our _____. He was sinless because He was born of the power of the _____ _____.

God's plan for John the Baptist was for him to _____ the way for Jesus.

2. God has a purpose for everyone. We are all valuable in His eyes.

We were made by God and for God. It is only in God that we find out the _____ and _____ of our lives. In order to fully know God's plan for our lives, we must build a _____ with Him first.

The Similarities Between the Births of Jesus and John the Baptist

Instructions: There are many similarities between the births of Jesus and John the Baptist. Please take a look at the following chart and underline the similarities.

The Announcement of John's Birth	The Announcement of Jesus' Birth
<p style="text-align: center;">Luke 1:11-13</p> <p>The angel Gabriel appears to Zacharias to tell of a miraculous birth. He is told not to be afraid for His prayer has been heard.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Luke 1:26-27, 30</p> <p>The angel Gabriel appears to Mary to tell of a miraculous birth. She is told not to be afraid because she has won God's favor.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Luke 1:13</p> <p>Gabriel announces the name of the child: "You shall call his name John."</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Luke 1:31</p> <p>Gabriel announces the name of the child: "You shall call His name Jesus."</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Luke 1:15-17</p> <p>Gabriel announces the mission of the child: "He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God [and] make ready a people prepared for the Lord."</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Luke 1:32-33</p> <p>Gabriel announces the mission of the child: "He will be great, and will be called Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Luke 1:57</p> <p>John is born: "Now Elizabeth's full time came for her to be delivered, and she brought forth a son."</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Luke 2:6-7</p> <p>Jesus is born: "So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son."</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Luke 1:59-60</p> <p>John is circumcised and named on the eighth day: "So it was, on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child ... 'he shall be called John.'"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Luke 2:21</p> <p>Jesus is circumcised and named on the eighth day: "And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called Jesus."</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Luke 1:80</p> <p>Conclusion to the story of John's birth: "So the child grew and became strong in spirit."</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Luke 2:40</p> <p>Conclusion to the story of Jesus' birth: "And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him."</p>

What Can We Learn from the Birth of Jesus?

1. We learn that the virgin Mary found favor in God's eyes. When we live a life that is _____ to God and others, God can use us in wonderful ways.
2. Joseph, Zacharias, and Elizabeth, teach us that by living a righteous life, God will _____ us in times of _____ and show us the way.
3. The long and tiring journey to Bethlehem and the manger teaches us that God will always keep His promises, and that we have _____ and assurance in Jesus.
4. As the angel told the shepherds, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born." Then finally, the visit of the magi shows us that it is a blessing to _____ our Lord and Savior. Let's remember to put Jesus first and worship Him.
5. God has a purpose for everyone. We are all _____ in His eyes.

I am
valuable
in God's eyes!

"Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more **valuable** you are than birds!" (Lk 12:24)

"You are **precious** and honored in my sight." (Isa 43:4a)

Write down five things that make you feel that God loves you.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

My Life's Plan



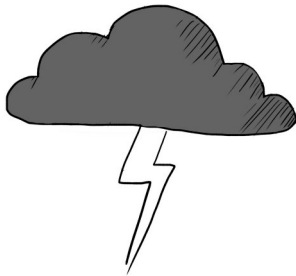
1. My life is a _____ from God.
2. My life has a plan. My life has a _____.
3. I will fulfill God's plan for me by always walking in His way, putting Jesus _____ and worshipping Him:



- a. I will live a life that is **pleasing** to God and to others so that God can use me in wonderful ways.
- b. I will live a **righteous** life and remember that God always keeps His promises. He will help me in times of difficulty and show me the way.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" (Jeremiah 29:11)

Which life do you want to choose?



Self-directed life

- Sin
- Frustration
- Worries
- Separation from God



God-directed life

- Love
- Joy
- Peace
- Fullness of the Holy Spirit



A Prayer to God

Dear Lord Jesus Christ,

Thank You for coming as a human being to show everyone how to live. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. Thank You for forgiving my sins and for giving me eternal life. I have opened the door of my life and received You as my Savior. Please take control of my life and help me to be the kind of person You want me to be. Amen.



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Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Bible Reading: Please put a checkmark in the space when you complete the reading each day.

Prayer: Please put a checkmark in the space on the days you prayed to God.

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. **(Isaiah 7:14)**

There are many life applications and truths that we have learned from this lesson.

1. We learned that the virgin Mary found favor in God's eyes. When we live a life that is pleasing to God and to others, God can use us in wonderful ways. **Name at least two things that you did that are pleasing to God this week and write them down.**

2. Joseph, Zacharias, and Elizabeth teach us that by living a righteous life, God will help us in times of difficulty and show us the way. **Has God showed you how to overcome any difficulties this week? Describe them. (If you haven't encountered any difficulties this week, describe an instance when God helped you in the past.)**

3. The visit of the magi shows us that it is a blessing to worship our Lord and Savior. Worshiping God can be done at home, before you eat and go to school, and after you come home from school. You can kneel down and pray or read the Bible. These are wonderful ways to worship God. **When did you worship God this week? Why is it important to worship God and remember His goodness every day?**