

Easy English Bible Study Lesson 2:

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4. **Holy Spirit:** One of the three persons of God who comes to live inside his people.
5. **incense:** A special powder that smells sweet when it is burned for God.
6. **obey:** To do what a rule or a person tells you to do.
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5. **good news:** A message that tells about something nice or happy.
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7. **incense:** A special powder that smells sweet when it is burned for God.
8. **instructions:** Words that tell you how to do something or how to act.
9. **obey:** To do what a rule or a person tells you to do.
10. **offer:** To give something to someone.
11. **powerful:** Having a lot of strength or power.
12. **pregnant:** Having a baby growing inside the body.
13. **priest:** A man who did special work for God in the Temple.
14. **ready:** Prepared to do something.
15. **serve:** To help or work for someone.
16. **speech:** The ability to speak.
17. **surprise:** A feeling caused by something that was not expected.
18. **Temple:** The special building in Jerusalem where people worshiped God.
19. **upset:** Feeling worried or unhappy.
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Comprehension Questions

1. What were the names of the husband and wife in this story?
2. What was Zechariah's job for God?
3. Why was Zechariah inside the Temple?
4. Who stood on the right side of the incense table?
5. What was the name the angel gave for the baby boy?
6. What did the angel say John would never drink?
7. Why did Zechariah have a hard time believing the angel?
8. What happened to Zechariah's speech because he did not believe?
9. How did the crowd know that Zechariah had seen a vision?
10. How long did Elizabeth stay inside her house after she became pregnant?

Application Questions

1. How do you feel when you have to wait for an answer to a prayer?
2. What are some things that make you feel afraid?
3. Does it help your faith to know that God listens to you?
4. What is one thing you can thank God for today?
5. Who is someone you can help to trust God this week?

Theological Insights

1. God always hears the prayers of his people.
2. God has the power to do things that people think are impossible.
3. God uses messengers to tell people his good news.
4. God wants people to change and start obeying him.
5. God is kind to people who feel sad or alone.

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Vocabulary Match

Instructions:

Match the word or phrase on the left with the correct definition on the right.

Write the letter of the definition on the line.

Word	Definition
1. _____ Angel	A. To give an order to someone.
2. _____ Believe	B. Having a baby growing inside the body.
3. _____ Command	C. A man who did special work for God in the Temple.
4. _____ Holy Spirit	D. A special powder that smells sweet when it is burned for God.
5. _____ Incense	E. Something like a dream that God shows to someone.
6. _____ Obey	F. A messenger from heaven who serves God.
7. _____ Pregnant	G. The special building in Jerusalem where people worshiped God.
8. _____ Priest	H. One of the three persons of God who comes to live inside his people.
9. _____ Temple	I. To think that something is true.
10. _____ Vision	J. To do what a rule or a person tells you to do.

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Grammar (Past Tense)

Instructions:

Change the present tense word in the (parentheses) to the correct past tense word.

1. Zechariah and Elizabeth (please) _____ God by following his instructions.
2. They had no children because they (be) _____ very old.
3. The other priests (choose) _____ Zechariah to offer the incense.
4. Zechariah (go) _____ into the Temple of the Lord alone.
5. A large crowd of people (stay) _____ outside to pray.
6. An angel of the Lord suddenly (appear) _____ next to the table.
7. When Zechariah saw the angel, he (become) _____ very afraid.
8. The angel Gabriel (say) _____ that God heard his prayer.
9. He promised that Elizabeth would (give) _____ birth to a baby boy.
10. Zechariah (find) _____ it hard to believe the good news.
11. The angel (tell) _____ him that he would lose his speech.
12. Outside, the crowd (wait) _____ a long time for the priest.
13. When he came out, he (make) _____ signs with his hands.
14. The people realized that he (see) _____ a vision.
15. Later, Elizabeth became pregnant and (thank) _____ God for his kindness.

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Sequence of Events

Instructions:

Put these 7 events in the correct order by writing the numbers **1 through 7** on the lines.

_____ Zechariah cannot talk when he leaves the Temple and must use hand signs.

_____ An angel appears on the right side of the incense table.

_____ Zechariah goes home after his time of service is finished.

_____ Zechariah is chosen to go inside the Temple to offer sweet incense to God.

_____ Elizabeth becomes pregnant and stays inside her house for five months.

_____ Gabriel tells Zechariah that he will lose his speech because he did not believe.

_____ The angel promises that old Elizabeth will give birth to a son named John.

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Fill in the Blank

Instructions: Use the words in the word bank to complete the story of the special meal.

Word Bank:

angel	believe	completely	good news	instructions
powerful	pregnant	priest	surprise	vision

Zechariah was an old (1) _____ who worked in the Temple. He and his wife Elizabeth always followed God's (2) _____ and laws. One day, while offering incense, a heavenly (3) _____ stood in front of him. Zechariah felt a great (4) _____ and was very afraid.

The messenger brought wonderful (5) _____ from God. He told Zechariah that his wife would become (6) _____ with a baby boy named John. The angel said that John would be a (7) _____ servant of God who would help people change. Zechariah did not (8) _____ the message because he and his wife were too old. Because of this, he lost his speech. When he came out, the crowd knew he had seen a (9) _____ because he could not talk. God kept his promise (10) _____, and Elizabeth soon rejoiced that she was going to have a child.

Date: _____

My Prayer Journal (ACTS Method)

Bible Verse:

Write a verse to think about.

Adoration:

Tell God he is great!

Confession:

Tell God you are sorry.

Thanksgiving:

Thank God for good things.

Supplication:

Ask God to help you.

Supplication:

Ask God to help others.