

**Facts to Know**

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Zacharias	Father of John the Baptist
Elisabeth	Mary's cousin, Mother of John the Baptist
John the Baptist	Greatest prophet, he prepared the way for Jesus
Gabriel	Angel of the Annunciation
Mary	Jesus' mother
Joseph	Mary's husband, foster father of Jesus
Annunciation	Gabriel's announcement to the Virgin Mary
Simeon	He blessed the infant Jesus in the Temple

**Memory Verse**

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Luke 1:46-55  
The Magnificat

And Mary said,

My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.  
For He hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden:  
for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath done great things for me and holy is his name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.  
He hath shown great strength with his arm;  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seats,  
and exalted them of low degree.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He hath helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy;  
as he spake to our fathers, to Abraham and his seed forever.

**Comprehension Questions**

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1. What did the angel of the Lord tell Zacharias the priest? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Why was Zacharias struck mute by the angel Gabriel? How did he regain his speech?

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3. What was the special purpose of John's life? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What was remarkable about the news the angel Gabriel told Mary? How did Mary respond to the news? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Why did Joseph and Mary go to Bethlehem? What is significant about that town?

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6. Describe the place that Jesus was born. \_\_\_\_\_

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7. What did the angels announce to the shepherds? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Where did his parents take Jesus to present him to the Lord? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Find each location on both a globe and a world map.  Eastern Hemisphere

Africa and Asia     Mediterranean Sea     Palestine