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# LESSON 1: Zacharias | Angel Visits Mary | Birth of Jesus

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## FACTS TO KNOW

1. **Zacharias:** father of John the Baptist
2. **Elisabeth:** Mary's cousin; mother of John the Baptist
3. **John the Baptist:** greatest prophet who prepared the way for Jesus
4. **Gabriel:** Angel of the Annunciation
5. **Mary:** Jesus' mother
6. **Joseph:** Mary's husband who raised Jesus as a son
7. **Annunciation:** Gabriel's announcement to the virgin Mary
8. **Simeon:** priest who blessed baby Jesus in the Temple

## MEMORY VERSE

### THE MAGNIFICAT — LUKE 1:46-55

*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 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 to his seed forever.*

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. What news did the angel Gabriel tell Zacharias the priest? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Why did the angel Gabriel make Zacharias unable to speak? How did Zacharias regain his speech?  
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3. What was the special purpose of John's life? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What news did the angel Gabriel tell Mary? Why was Mary surprised by this news? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Where did Joseph and Mary live? Where were they when Jesus was born? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What did the shepherds do after the angels announced the birth of Jesus to them? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Where did Jesus' parents take him to be presented to the Lord? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. What did the Holy Spirit say would happen before Simeon died? \_\_\_\_\_  
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