

Christmas is celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift.

DAY 1

Read Luke 1:13-15

The most wonderful time of the year is almost here. Christmas is all about celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift.

But before we talk about Jesus' birth, let's talk about another important baby's arrival! You see, there was an older couple named Zechariah and Elizabeth who didn't have children. Zechariah was a priest who loved and served God. One day, when it was his turn to serve in the temple, an angel appeared to Zechariah with a very special message.

What did the angel Gabriel tell Zechariah?

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What do you think Zechariah did when he heard this news?

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Zechariah couldn't believe it. But if there's one thing we know about God, it's that He can do the impossible! And that's one big reason to celebrate!

Is there something you need help with? If God can do anything, couldn't He help you? Stop and pray right now. Tell God about what's going on, thank Him for listening and trust that He can do anything!

DAY 2

Read Luke 1:18-20

When the angel Gabriel appeared to Zechariah in the temple, he was scared. He was confused. And he doubted that this could actually happen.

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What did the angel say would happen because of Zechariah's unbelief?

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Zechariah would not be able to speak until after his son John was born. A typical pregnancy lasts nine months. That means that Zechariah would be unable to speak for a long time. Zechariah would have to find other ways to communicate with the people around him.

Could you do what Zechariah had to do? **The next time you sit down to dinner with your family, see if you can make it through the entire meal without speaking.** Even if someone asks you why you're not speaking, see if you can stay silent until dinner is done.

After the meal is over, tell your family about this little challenge and about Zechariah. Thank God for the ability to speak and to celebrate because God can do anything!

DAY 3

Read Luke 1:23-25

Elizabeth became pregnant, just as the angel had said. But did you catch how she responded? Look again at verse 25. Who did Elizabeth thank? Who did she say had been kind to her?

Yes. God! Elizabeth knew that only God could do this! She chose to celebrate because God can do anything.

When something awesome happens, what do you do?

Do you tell someone? Do you take all the credit for the good thing that's happened?

It might seem a little strange at first. But it's important to remember that God is the source of every good thing. Even the things you think you've accomplished on your own – like getting a good grade or making the winning shot. Ultimately, God is the one who gave you that brain and all that ability. Just like Elizabeth, we can stop and say 'Thanks, God' and celebrate because He can do anything!

So what's been happening lately that's worth celebrating? Make a list and then pray, thanking God for all He's done for you.

DAY 4

Read Luke 1:64-66

Finally, the time came for John to be born. After months of silence, Zechariah was finally able to speak! What was the first thing he did?

Unscramble the words below to answer:

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The Bible tells us that right away, Zechariah praised God. He said, "Thank you, God!" He took time to celebrate knowing God could do anything.

After years of waiting and praying for a baby of their own, God had given them John. And this baby would grow up to prepare the way for Jesus. John would become Jesus' biggest cheerleader, his biggest champion. John would be the one to say, "Don't look at me, look at Jesus! He's the Savior you've been looking for."

You could do what Zechariah did! What if first thing in the morning, before your feet even touch the floor, you stopped and praised God?

**Celebrate because
God can do anything.**