

# JOHN WAS BORN



## KIDS LESSON STARTER

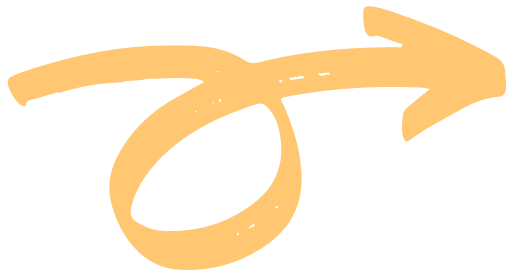
### Introduction to The Lesson

Prompt kids to share their routines for getting ready for school in the morning.  
What happens if they aren't ready on time?

## TRANSTION TO THE STORY

*Watch the story...*

## CHRIST CONNECTION



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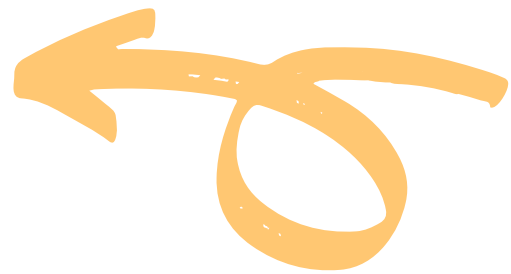


### Is Jesus God or a human?

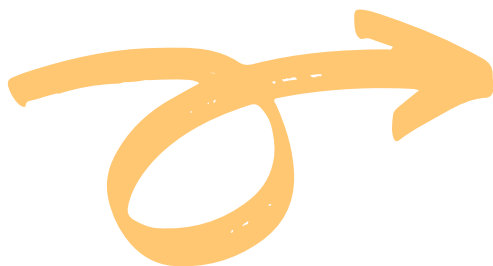
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## BIG PICTURE QUESTION

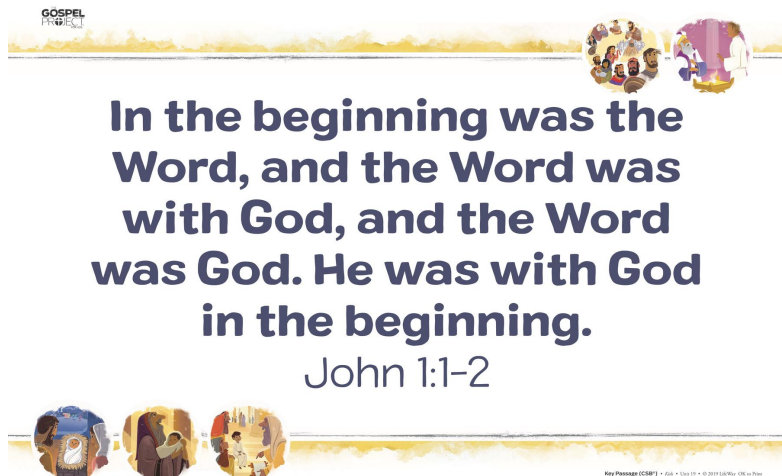


## KEY PASSAGE



**In the beginning was the  
Word, and the Word was  
with God, and the Word  
was God. He was with God  
in the beginning.**

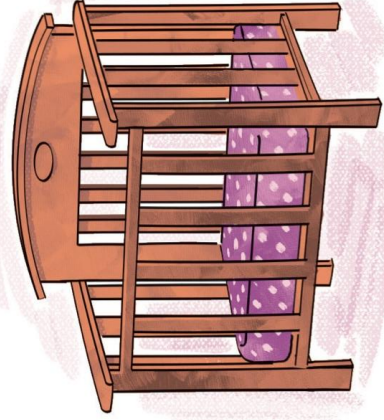
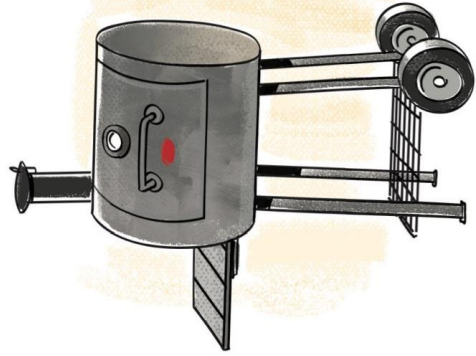
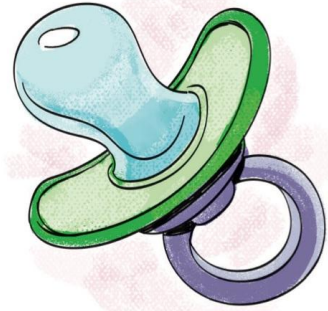
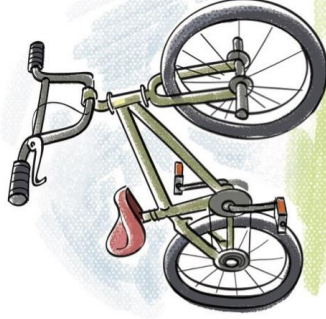
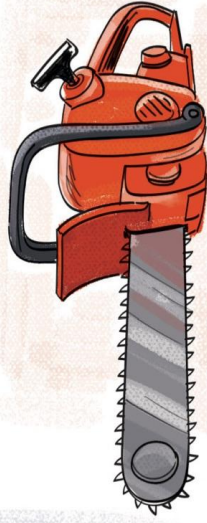
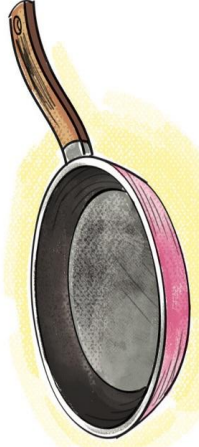
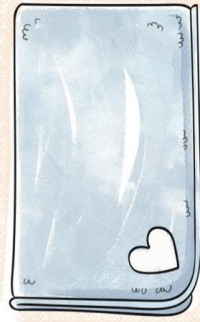
John 1:1-2





# Baby or Maybe

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Circle items needed to care for a baby. Draw boxes around items that are helpful, but not necessary.



## BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Zechariah and Elizabeth were too old to have children.
- God sent an angel to tell Zechariah that Elizabeth would have a son.
- Zechariah did not believe at first.
- John was born to prepare the way for Jesus.

**KEY PASSAGE:** John 1:1-2

## BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Is Jesus God or a human? As the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.

## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

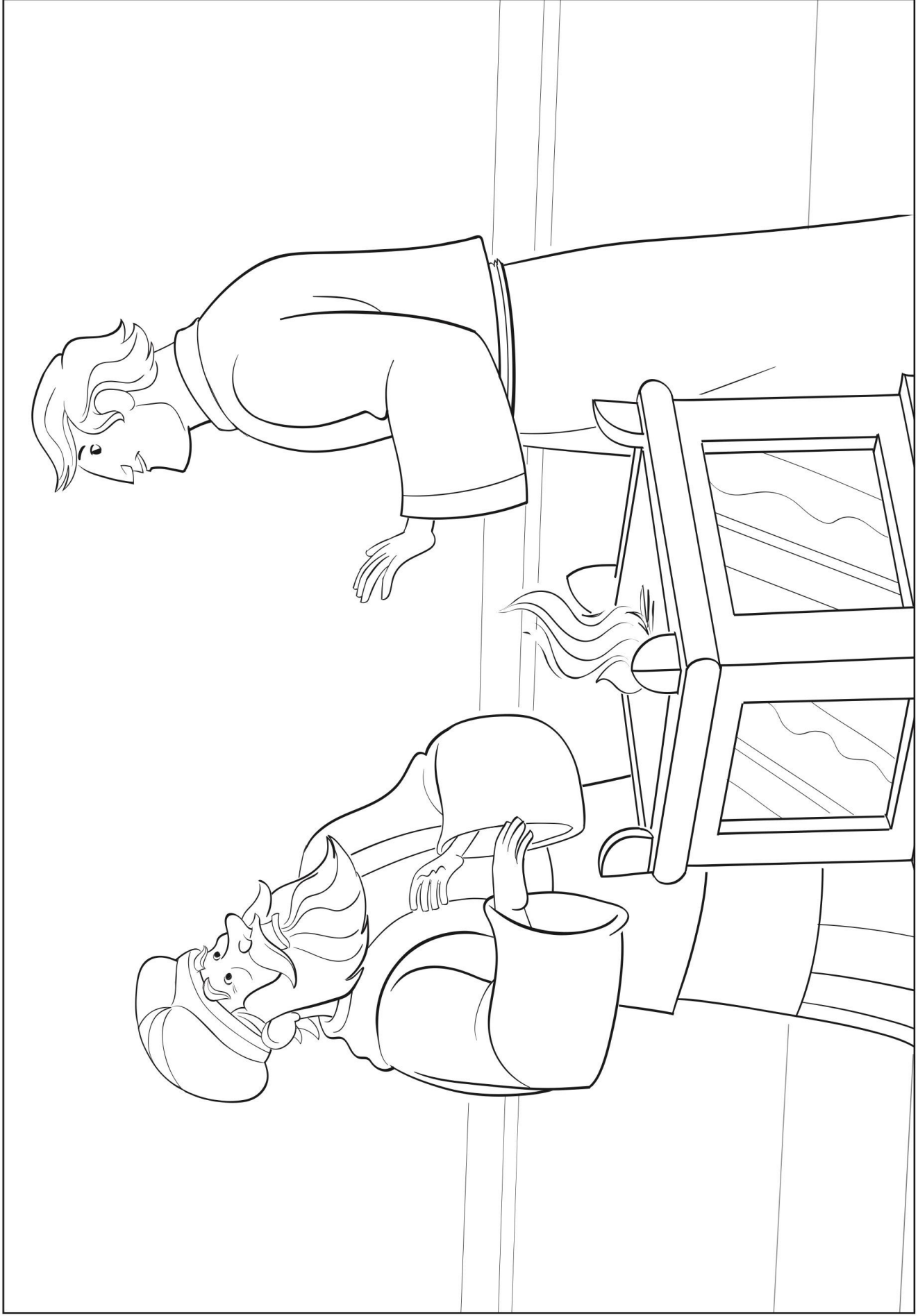
- Which prophet said that a messenger would prepare the way for the Messiah? (*See Mal. 3:1.*)
- What ways can you help prepare people to meet Jesus?
- How can we learn to trust God right away?

## FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Plan one-on-one time with each of your kids. Take them somewhere fun and tell them about how they became a part of your family. Were any parts of their adoptions or births a bit scary? What part of each arrival was most exciting?



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# Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



## John Was Born

Luke 1

**STORY POINT: JOHN WAS BORN TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR JESUS.**

Twice a year, Zechariah went to the temple in Jerusalem to carry out his duties as a priest. One day, Zechariah was chosen to go into the sanctuary of the Lord and burn incense. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared. Zechariah was terrified! "Do not be afraid, Zechariah,"

the angel said. "God heard your prayer. Your wife, Elizabeth, will have a son, and you will name him John." The angel said that John would help many people turn back to God. John would go ahead of the Lord and

get people ready for His coming. Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I know this will happen?"

The angel said, "God sent me to tell you this good news. Because you did not believe my words, you won't be able to speak until these things happen."

Zechariah left the temple. The people outside realized he had seen a vision and could not talk. Zechariah went home to Elizabeth.

In time, she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. Zechariah and Elizabeth named their son John. Suddenly, Zechariah could speak again.

The Holy Spirit filled John. Zechariah praised God and told the people God's words: "God has come to help His people. He will save us through David's family. He will rescue us from our enemies."

John grew up and lived in the wilderness until God called him to get the people ready for Jesus.

*Christ Connection: When Zechariah believed God's word, he praised God. John was born to prepare the way for Jesus. John would point people to Jesus, and they would praise God for keeping His promise to send the Savior.*

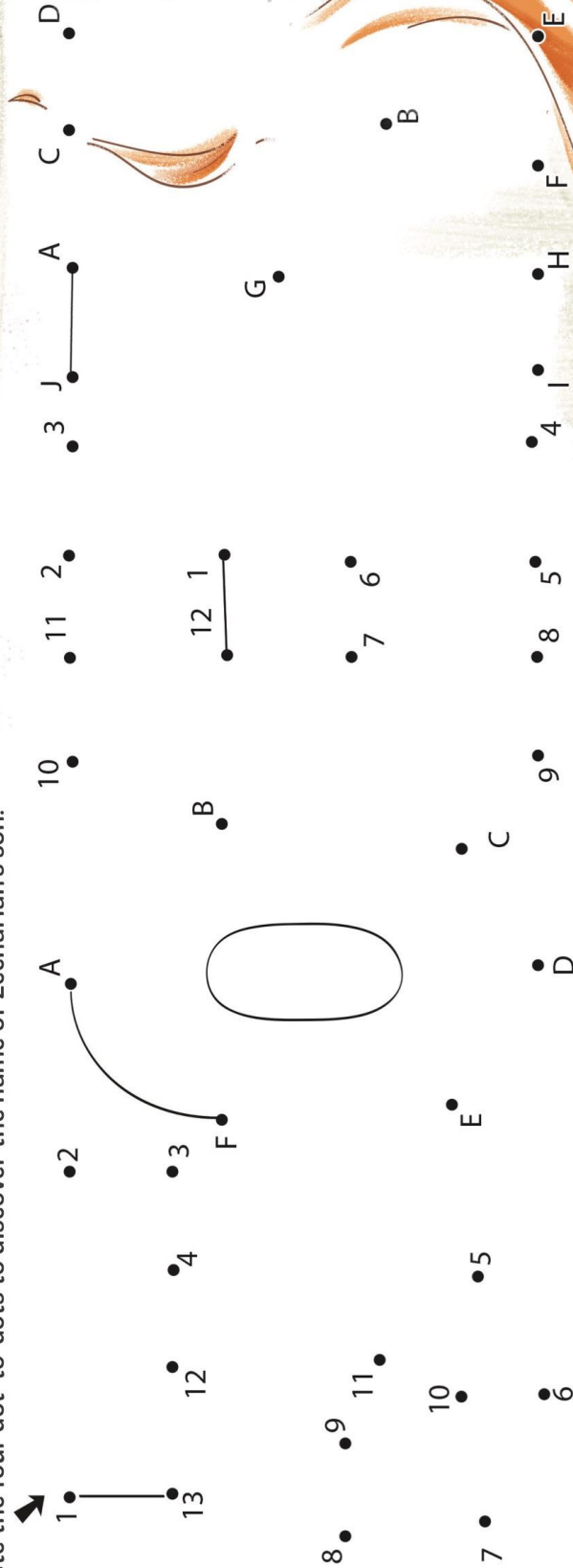
### FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Do you ever doubt God's goodness toward you? Why?
- Where can we find God's messages for His people?
- Why is it important to obey God by faith?

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# His Name Is ...

Complete the four dot-to-dots to discover the name of Zechariah's son.



## Missing Words

Fill in the blanks with words from the word box.

- Twice a year, Zechariah went to the \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ to carry out his duties as a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Zechariah went inside the sanctuary. Suddenly, an \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord appeared. Zechariah was \_\_\_\_\_!
- The angel said, "God heard your \_\_\_\_\_." Your wife will have a \_\_\_\_\_, and you will name him \_\_\_\_\_.
- The angel said that John would help many people turn back to \_\_\_\_\_. John would go ahead of the Lord and get people \_\_\_\_\_ for His coming.
- Zechariah's wife, \_\_\_\_\_, gave birth to a son. John grew up and lived in the \_\_\_\_\_ until God called him to get the people ready for Jesus.

## WORD BOX

angel  
Elizabeth  
God  
Jerusalem  
John  
prayer  
priest  
ready  
son  
temple  
terrified  
wilderness