



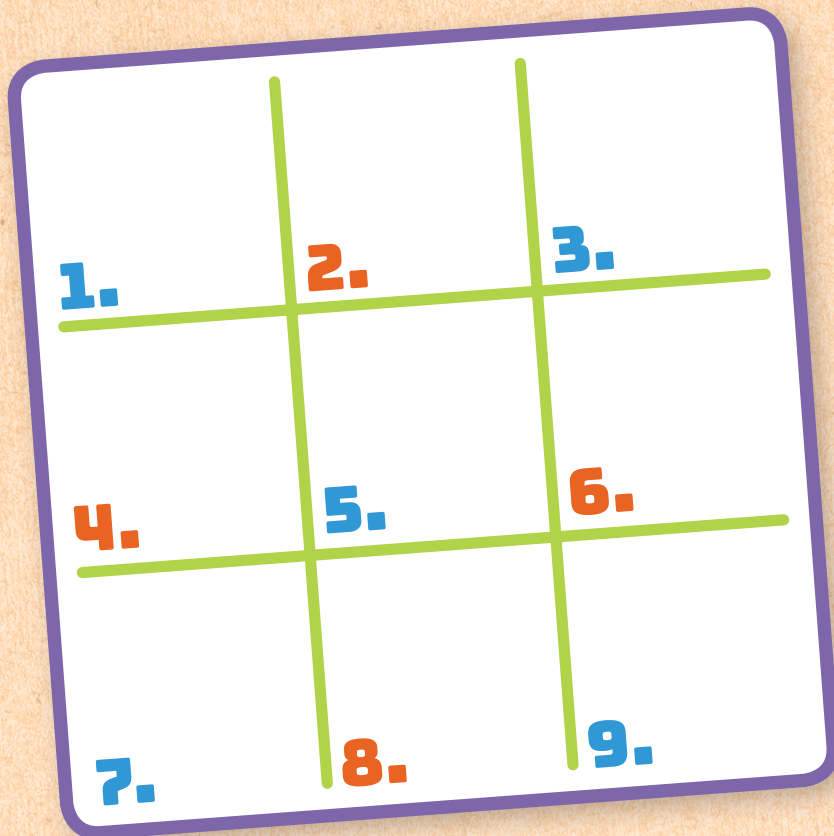
Grades 4–5 • Unit 13 • Lesson 124

Angelic Announcements

Luke 1:5–7, 1:11–15, 1:26–31; Isaiah 7:14, 9:6–7; Malachi 3:1

Name _____

Read each sentence and decide if it's true or false. Complete the tic-tac-toe grid using O for true and X for false. You should find three in a row twice!



1. The angel Gabriel appeared to Zechariah to announce the birth of John.
2. Zechariah's wife was Elizabeth.
3. Jesus Christ is the promised Messiah who would save his people from their sins.
4. The priest Zechariah and his wife Elizabeth were a young couple ready to start a family.
5. John the Baptist was the messenger who would prepare the way for the Lord.
6. The angel Gabriel appeared to Joseph in the temple and said he would be a father.
7. God's attribute of faithfulness means that he is all-powerful.
8. We can find all we need to know about angels on TV.
9. Mary's baby was to be called Jesus.

Answers: 1) True, 2) True, 3) True, 4) False, 5) True, 6) False, 7) False, 8) False, 9) True

Memory Verse

Use the code to fill in the missing vowels in the memory verse.

A E I O U
1 2 3 4 5

Th__refore the Lord h__mself will give yo__ a sign. Beh__ld, the virgin sh__ll
2 3 5 4 1
conc__ive and be__r a s__n, and shall call h__s name Imman__el. Isaiah 7:14
2 1 4 3 5

What You Heard *In the Word*

- God sent the angel Gabriel to the priest Zechariah to tell him he would have a son, John, who would prepare the way for the Messiah.
- God sent the angel Gabriel to the godly young woman Mary. She would have a son named Jesus who would save his people from their sin.

OutWord *For Family Discussion*

What if your friend said he believes his Christian grandmother is an angel who watches over him? **What could you say?**

When someone we love dies, that person is gone from our life on earth forever. That's not easy to live with. And it can be comforting to think that those people are now angels watching over us. But, that is not what the Bible tells us. Angels were created by

God to serve him, worship him, and do what he commands them to do. They are not like people who were created in God's image.

The truth of the matter is that God watched over you and your grandmother while she was alive. And God will continue to watch over you now that she is gone. The Bible says God will provide all our needs and knows all that is going on in our lives. God can take far better care of you than anyone else, whether they are dead or alive. We need to trust God and the truth of his Word.



HomeWord *For Parents*

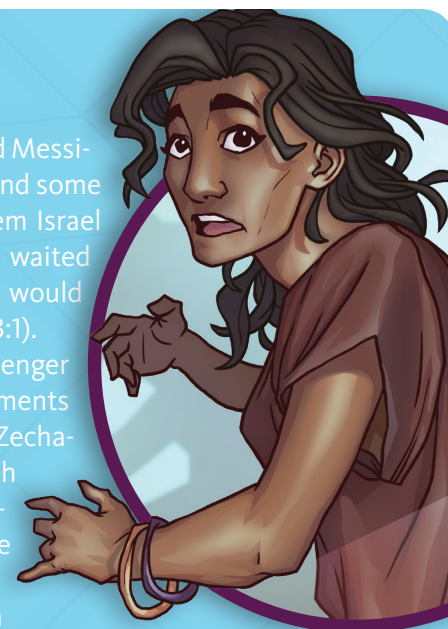
The people of Israel knew of the promised Messiah. They had read of him in the Scriptures, and some were waiting for this one who would redeem Israel (Isaiah 53:4–6, 61:1–3). Not only that, they waited for the messenger promised by God who would prepare the way for the Messiah (Malachi 3:1).

The time had come for both the messenger and the Messiah. God made two announcements through his angel Gabriel. The first was to Zechariah, the priest, a righteous man. Zechariah was ministering in the temple when Gabriel appeared to him and told him that he and his wife, Elizabeth, would soon have a son. That son's name would be John. John would be great in the sight of the Lord, and many would rejoice at his birth (Luke 1:13–15).

John would come in the power and spirit of Elijah (Malachi 4:5; Matthew 11:14). He would make ready a people prepared for the Lord (Luke 1:17). This messenger, John the Baptist, was the bridge between the Old Testament and the New Testament, and he would make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:23; Isaiah 40:3).

God then sent his angel Gabriel to a young woman, a virgin, who was betrothed to be married to Joseph. The angel told Mary not to be afraid for she had found favor with God. She would conceive a son who would be called Jesus—for he would save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21). Mary would conceive in a miraculous way by the power of the Holy Spirit. And thus, the prophecy of Isaiah—that a virgin would conceive a son and name him Immanuel, which means God with us—was fulfilled (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23).

These very important announcements were sent through a supernatural messenger by the will of God to announce the forerunner of the Messiah and the Messiah himself. Angels are unique creations of God, spiritual beings, who do the will of God. In the accounts mentioned above, Gabriel came to herald God's news that the Messiah was coming!



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