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**JOY TO THE WORLD**

**FAMILY DEVOTIONAL**

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LUKE 1:26-55; ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20



# JESUS CAME TO BRING JOY TO THE WORLD



This month, we'll be reminded what a universal gift Jesus is, and how Jesus brought good news!

We can rejoice that that the angel foretold the birth of Jesus, the Savior of the world.

## WORSHIP

“Good News” (Mandisa)

“Joy” (For King & Country)

“Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee” (Go Fish)

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing” (Paul Baloche)

## DISCUSS

Read Zephaniah 3:17

What does this verse say about how God sees us?

How can we hold onto the joy God gives us?

How can we share joy with others?

FOR MORE DISCUSSION  
QUESTIONS SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW

This month,  
your kids are memorizing  
Luke 2:14 (NIV),  
in case you want to  
work on them together.

Scan the code below to learn  
the verse in ASL!

## MEMORIZE

Luke 2:14

Sing it! Color it!  
Rejoice together as a family!

Remember what Mary did after she was visited by the angel? She sang! Remember what Zephaniah said about how God rejoices over us? With singing! So it's our turn to sing!

When I say go, everyone sing the memory verse out loud in whatever key and set to whatever tune you'd like. Let's make a loud, silly, and joyful sound together!

## ACTIVITY

Have kids draw hair and a face on a wood bead with permanent or paint markers. Have them stick the bead on the clip end of the clothespin. Scan the QR code for instructions for how kids can further decorate their angel by wrapping yarn around for the robe, making heart-shaped wings out of felt, and even gluing on a pipe cleaner halo and feathers.

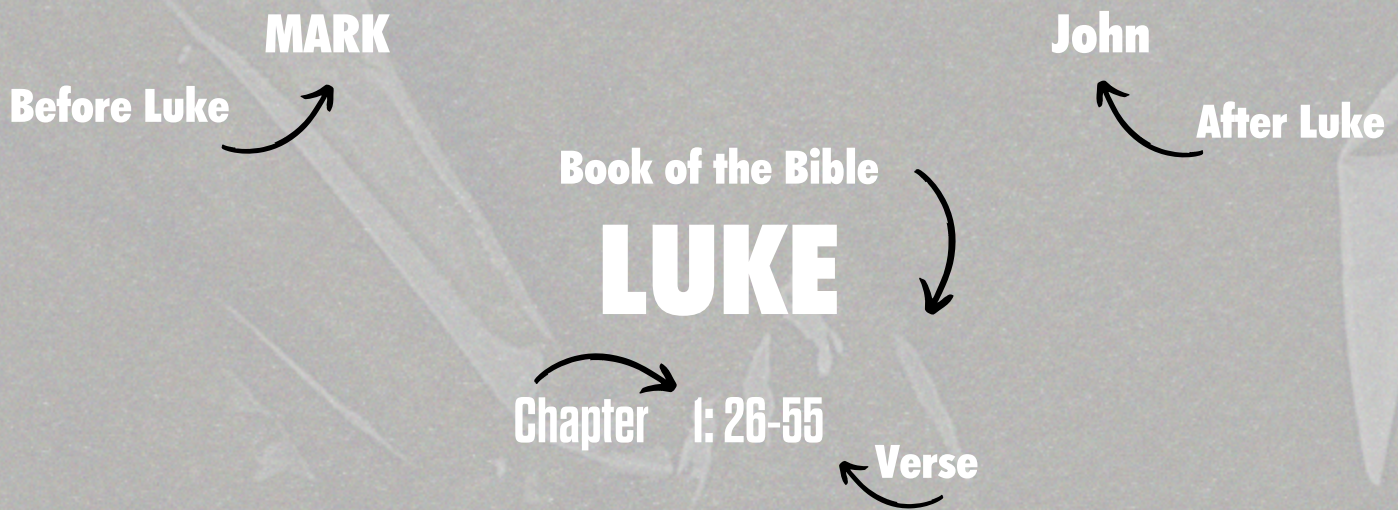
God, thank you so much for sending Jesus to bring joy to the world! Because of Jesus, we know that no matter what happens in our lives, being loved by you is the greatest joy we could ever have. Help us remember that every day is a chance to express this joy and share it with others. Amen.

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26 In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee,  
27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary.

28 The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.

30 But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.

31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.

32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,

33 and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

34 “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

35 The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called[a] the Son of God.

36 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month.

37 For no word from God will ever fail.”

38 “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.  
Mary Visits Elizabeth

39 At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea,

40 where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth.





# Zephaniah

Chapter 3: 14-20

Verse

41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

42 In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!

43 But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

44 As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.

45 Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

46 And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord

47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

48 for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed,

49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name.

50 His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

51 He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

52 He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

53 He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

54 He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful

55 to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors."

1 Woe to the city of oppressors, rebellious and defiled!

2 She obeys no one, she accepts no correction. She does not trust in the Lord, she does not draw near to her God.

3 Her officials within her are roaring lions; her rulers are evening wolves, who leave nothing for the morning.

4 Her prophets are unprincipled; they are treacherous people. Her priests profane the sanctuary and do violence to the law.

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LUKE 2:14 (NIV)







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