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**JOY TO THE WORLD**

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**LUKE 1:5-20, 57-66; MALACHI 3:1-4**

# JESUS CAME TO BRING GOOD NEWS 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 an angel foretold the birth of John the Baptist, who would prepare the way for Jesus.

## WORSHIP

“Good News” (Mandisa)

“Joy” (For King & Country)

“Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee” (Go Fish)

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing” (Paul Baloche)

## DISCUSS

Read Luke 1:58

What did her neighbors and family members do when they heard Elizabeth's news?

What good news about God can you share 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

Write down different kinds of sins on the gingerbread person that's on the side of your paper marked “Without Jesus.”

But on the side that says “With Jesus,” leave the gingerbread person blank and clean!

Take this home and flip it back and forth to remind you that with Jesus, we are cleansed of our sin!

We were all broken at one point.  
Our sins — the things we do that's wrong or the things we don't do even though it's right — kept us from knowing God fully and having the right kind of relationship.

But the good news is that Jesus came to fix that!  
Namely, Jesus came to cleanse away our sins.

Think of some good news for people in your family, school, team, neighborhood, or the world.

Create your own “Good News” newspaper. What would it be called? What would be added in? Featured stories? Scan the QR code for tips and templates on how to have kids create their own newspaper articles.

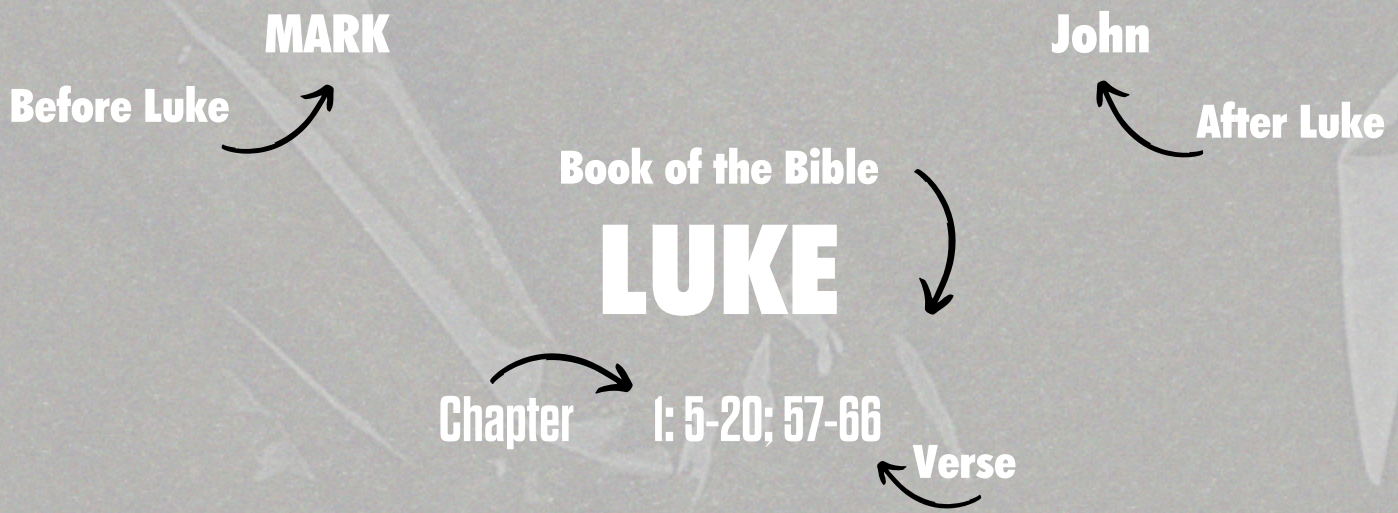
Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to bring good news to the world. Thank you that no one is left out of your good news! May we always remember to share good news with people around us, especially the good news about you! Amen.

## ACTIVITY

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5 In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron.

6 Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly.

7 But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old.

8 Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, 9 he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense.

10 And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside.

11 Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense.

12 When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear.

13 But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John.

14 He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth,

15 for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born.

16 He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God.

17 And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

18 Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years."

19 The angel said to him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news.

20 And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time."

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# LUKE

Chapter

1: 5-20; 57-66

Verse

57 When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son.

58 Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy.

59 On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah,

60 but his mother spoke up and said, "No! He is to be called John."

61 They said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who has that name."

62 Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child.

63 He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, "His name is John."

64 Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set free, and he began to speak, praising God.

65 All the neighbors were filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things.

66 Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, "What then is this child going to be?" For the Lord's hand was with him.

Book of the Bible

# Malachi

Chapter 3: 1-4

Verse

1 "I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the Lord Almighty.

2 But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap.

3 He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness,

4 and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE  
HIGHEST HEAVEN, AND ON  
EARTH PEACE TO THOSE ON  
WHOM HIS FAVOR RESTS.

LUKE 2:14 (NIV)





