

Facts to Know

Zacharias	Father of John the Baptist
Elisabeth	Mary's cousin, Mother of John the Baptist
John the Baptist	Greatest prophet, he prepared the way for Jesus
Gabriel	Angel of the Annunciation
Mary	Jesus' mother
Joseph	Mary's husband, foster father of Jesus
Annunciation	Gabriel's announcement to the Virgin Mary
Simeon	He blessed the infant Jesus in the Temple

Memory Verse

Luke 1:46-55
The Magnificat

And Mary said,

My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
For He hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden:
for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath done great things for me and holy is his name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.
He hath shown great strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seats,
and exalted them of low degree.
He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He hath helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy;
as he spake to our fathers, to Abraham and his seed forever.

Comprehension Questions

1. What did the angel of the Lord tell Zacharias the priest?
2. Why was Zacharias struck mute by the angel Gabriel? How did he regain his speech?
3. What was the special purpose of John's life?
4. What was remarkable about the news the angel Gabriel told Mary? How did Mary respond to the news?
5. Why did Joseph and Mary go to Bethlehem? What is significant about that town?
6. Describe the place that Jesus was born.
7. What did the angels announce to the shepherds?
8. Where did his parents take Jesus to present him to the Lord?

Activities

Draw a picture of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem.

Pp.346-347 What was Zacharias doing when the angel visited him?

Pp.348-349 What news has Mary just received? Describe her expression.

Name of the emperor of Rome at the time Jesus was born. Caesar _____

Pp.352-353 Describe the scene in the Temple. Who is holding baby Jesus? Why were people so glad to see baby Jesus?

**Copybook memory verses are in Appendix 1. Review verses 38 and 50.
Start memorizing the New Testament Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, & John).**