

Lesson 2: Zechariah Prophecies About Jesus

[Luke 1:68-79](#)

Youtube Link: <https://youtu.be/6JZP96M1xvA>

Children's Bible Story Video: https://youtu.be/YkF_E6aZ1k8

Worship Theme: God always meets our needs.

Memory Verse: "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him". (John 3:17)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. Greeting Song https://youtu.be/K72xD0x_cyg
2. Christmas This Year <https://youtu.be/A59-uQCZfxE>
3. Merry Christmas <https://youtu.be/4B-8B5XN-2A>
4. Happy Day <https://youtu.be/en42EHfzAI0>

Prayer: Thank you God for gathering us to meet again today. Please stay with us and help us with our learning today. In Jesus's name, Amen!

Song: Select songs from the list above

Icebreaker: Facial Expressions

How do you look when you feel different emotions?

How do you look when you're happy?

How do you look when you're angry?

How do you look when you're sad?

How do you look when your parents hug you?

How do you look when you feel at peace?

How do you look when God answers your prayer?

How do you look when God meets your needs?

God always wants to meet our needs. Today, we will learn about the greatest need that we have and how God took care to meet our needs.

Introduction:

Our greatest need as a human is to fix our broken relationship with God. When Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit, our relationship with God was broken because of sin. Humans made a choice to reject God and broke our loving relationship with God. But God wanted to give us a second chance to choose him over sin. God knew that we needed God's grace and mercy to return to him. How did God give us the second chance?

Bible Story:

A long time ago, a priest named Zechariah told everyone that the Savior was coming soon. The Savior is someone who helps us get to heaven. Zechariah didn't know the Savior's name because he wasn't born yet. But we know the Savior's name. Who is the Savior? Jesus is the Savior!

Zechariah was an old man, but he did not have any children. An angel came and promised Zechariah that he will have a son and that his son will prepare the way of the Lord. Zechariah could not believe that he could have a baby at his old age. But God always knows what we need and meets our needs. His wife, Elizabeth, became pregnant even when she was old and gave birth to a son. His son's name was John the Baptist. Zechariah knew that his son would grow up to prepare the way of the Savior.

God knew that the world needed a Savior. All of us have done wrong things. All of us need help to return to God. The Savior will forgive us and bring us back to God. God loves to meet our needs! We need God's help. God always meets our needs and helps us!

Questions to discuss:

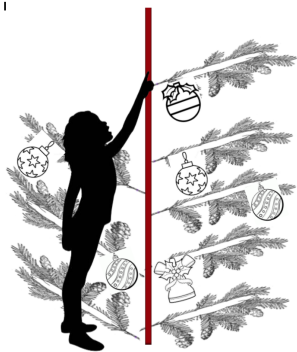
1. What did Zechariah not have as an old man? (He did not have a son)
2. What was his son's name? (John the Baptist)
3. What did Zechariah think John the Baptist will do for the Savior? (Prepare the way of the Lord)
4. Our greatest need is to be forgiven of our sins. Who can forgive us? (God / Jesus)

Game: "Imitate"**How to play:**

- Ask a child to be a goalkeeper and stay outside the classroom.
- Ask the children in the classroom to sit in a circle
- Then choose one of them to be a gesture leader
- Other children will follow the gesture leader (Ex: Scratch the head, pull the ear, scratch the hand, scratch the butt...)
- After the children are done with the activity, they must call the goalkeeper to come inside the classroom and guess who is the gesture leader. If the guess is wrong, that child will become a goalkeeper again, but if the guess is right, the gesture leader will become a goalkeeper.

Memory Verse:

"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him". (John 3:17)

Craft: What do you need?

Materials needed: Print the Christmas ornaments (see below)

Give each student one or two Christmas ornaments and ask them to write their needs. Maybe they need peace, happiness, comfort, money, food, etc. They can write what they need and color the ornament. Use the ornaments to decorate the Christmas tree from last week. (If you did not make a Christmas tree from last week's lesson, then the children can decorate the wall with their ornaments.)

Song: Select songs from the list above

Prayer: Thank you God for sending God's son to the earth to save us and to give us amazing life today. In Jesus's name, Amen!

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

As prophesied by Zechariah, John the Baptist prepared the way for the coming Messiah. Because of our relationship with Jesus, we also have the responsibility to prepare others to understand and accept Jesus. As a Sunday school teacher, you are being John the Baptist for the children. It is your responsibility to prepare the hearts of the children to understand and accept Jesus. Pray for yourself as well as the children as you prepare to teach this Sunday.

