

Family Theme | **Preparing for the Messiah**    Date | **December 8, 2024**

Study Text | **Luke 1:5-24, 57-80**

**Read the Word:** Luke 1:5-24, 57-80

**Disciple Your Family:** Discuss how we can always believe God because He has kept His promises.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



**Key Truth:** God Promised to Send John to Prepare His People for the Messiah (Luke 1:5-25)

**APPLY:** God can overcome any obstacle to accomplish His purposes.

- *When have you seen God overcome what we might see as an obstacle to accomplish His purposes?*

**APPLY:** Always believe God.

- *When have you had a hard time believing God? How did that work out?*
- *What helps you to trust in God when your faith is weak?*

**APPLY:** We can expect to experience difficulties in this life.

**APPLY:** Submit your opinions, preconceived notions, preferences, and what you are comfortable with to the lordship of God.

- *Why do some struggle to give up their opinions and preferences to follow God's truth?*
- *People love the idea of a Savior, but they struggle with the idea of a Lord. Why is it difficult to live under the lordship of someone else? What might it cost us?*
- *What do you need to surrender to God's lordship today?*

**APPLY:** Be sure you have a right relationship with God through faith in Christ.



**Key Truth:** We Can Place Our Faith in God and His Promises (Luke 1:57-80)

**APPLY:** Believe the evidence around you that confirms God and His Word are true.

- *What evidence helps you believe that God and His Word are true?*
- *Why is our faith much more than a blind faith?*
- *How important is it for Christians to know why they believe what they believe?*
- *What are some examples of Jesus' supernatural power displayed in the Scriptures?*

**APPLY:** Share with others that Jesus is God's Son and that we can have forgiveness of sins and eternal life through faith in Him.

- *Serving others in love is an essential element of rightly representing Jesus to unbelievers, but we must also share the gospel with them. What are some effective strategies for introducing the gospel into our conversations?*
- *What suggestions can you offer to fellow Christians who want to share their faith but are timid and shy?*

**Build a Foundation:** Discussion questions for elementary students.

- Even though Zechariah was a priest, he had a hard time believing God could do the impossible. Have you ever doubted God like that?
- How you learn to trust God more?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: *John 3:16*



**Discuss This Week's Building Block:**

Matthew, Mark, and Luke are called the Synoptic Gospels. They cover much of the same subject matter, though each has a different perspective.

**Everyday Extras:**

Plan an activity (game night, ice cream sundaes, scavenger hunt, etc.) with your family. Talk about when to do it, who to invite, and what supplies are needed. Allow your child to help you prepare for the fun gathering. Remind your child nothing catches God by surprise. He knows everything and His plan is always right. Discuss how God planned for John to be born *before* Jesus so he could prepare the people's minds and hearts ahead of time. God had a job for John and He had a job for Jesus. Each was very important. God has a plan for you and your child, and those plans are important too.

**Preschool Highlights:**

Today your child learned Jesus wanted John the Baptist to baptize Him. John was surprised and felt that Jesus should baptize him instead. Jesus told John it was God's will, and so John baptized Him. As soon as Jesus came out of the water, God's Spirit came down as a dove. **I Can Learn About Jesus** so I can follow His example and tell others about Him.