

# Faith at Home – Sunday School Lesson 3/22

## Bible Lesson – Luke 1

- Bible point: God hears our prayers.
- Application: ...so we trust his timing.

In our Bible Story for today, there was a priest named Zechariah. And he had a wife named Elizabeth. Both Zechariah and Elizabeth were righteous before God, they kept all the commandments of the Lord. In those days, having children was really important. We know that Zechariah prayed for kids, but it seemed as if he and his wife were too old for God to answer his prayers.

Zechariah prayed for months for a child. But it didn't happen.  
Zechariah prayed for years for a child. But it didn't happen.

Then one day, Zechariah went to serve in the temple. While he was there, God had answered his prayer. An angel appeared to Zechariah and he was afraid. But, the angel said, "Do not be afraid. Your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will have a son. You shall call him name *John*."

To Zechariah, it seemed too late for this to be true. He questioned the angel. But God hears our prayers, so we trust in His timing. And this baby came in God's perfect time. Zechariah and Elizabeth's baby would prepare people for the coming of the Lord. That meant he'd get people ready for Jesus! The baby had to be born just before Jesus. In God's perfect timing, God answered Zechariah's prayer.

Zechariah didn't trust God's timing. He questioned whether God's angel was telling the truth because he thought it was too late for God to answer his prayer. Sometimes we pray about things for a long time, waiting for an answer.

### Ask:

Who surprised Zechariah in the temple?  
What good news did he tell Zechariah?  
What happened to Zechariah?

### Wrap Up:

God hears our prayers, but sometimes when we're waiting for an answer to prayer, it's hard to trust that.

**Closing Prayer:** God, thank you that you hear our prayers. We know you've heard and answered so many prayers, and we trust your timing as we continue to come to you in prayer. We pray this all in Jesus' name, amen.

# Faith at Home – Sunday School Craft 3/22

## Supplies Needed:

1. Paper
2. Writing Utensil
3. Tape, Glue, Stapler with staples
4. Optional: Markers, Crayons, Colored Pencils

## Project Notes:

Age Groups: All Ages  
Time: 20 minutes

## **Instructions:**

Our Bible lesson for today reminds us that *God Hears Our Prayers*. As we continue to navigate social distancing, let's be intentional about praying for others. Today's craft lesson is a paper chain prayer that can serve as a visual for your little ones about praying for others in our communities. Each day add a new chain link (a 1.5-inch strip of paper) to your chain. For each link you add write the name of someone that you will pray for that day. For extra fun let kids decorate each slip before you add it to the chain. For extra depth encourage kids to be the ones to think of people to include and remember them at evening prayers.

## **Closing Prayer:**

Dear God, we praise you for always hearing our prayers. Although we aren't always the best listeners, and disobey, we know that you answer our prayers. May we know it's not in our own timing, but yours. Waiting can be hard but we trust in You. It's in Jesus name we pray, Amen.

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*Please email Allyssa with photos of your family completing the craft for the week!*

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