

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

JOHN 3:17 (ESV)

Meet John the Baptist Maze

Start

This maze has facts about the birth of John the Baptist. Find your way through the maze. Stop at each fact and find out more about John the Baptist.

An **angel** came to **Zechariah** in the temple. He told Zechariah to name his baby **John**.

Zechariah wrote "His name is **John**."

The **angel** said, "He will prepare the way for the coming of the **Lord**."

John the **Baptist's** parents were very old when **he** was born.

Zechariah was not able to talk **until** his baby was born, and he named his son **John**.

Now find each **shaded** letter in the shapes. Unscramble those letters to find the name of John's mother.

HINT: Find and read Luke 1:13 in your Bible to help you discover her name.

God prepared for His plan of salvation. He provided a way for people to become Christians because He loves them. What are some other ways you know God loves you?

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CONVERSATION

God Prepared the Way for Jesus

LUKE 1:5-25,57-80

There was a priest in Judea named Zechariah. He had a wife named Elizabeth. They both obeyed and followed the Lord's commandments.

Although Priest Zechariah and his wife were very old, they had no children. One day Zechariah was in the temple praying when an angel suddenly appeared.



The angel told Zechariah he and his wife would have a baby boy even though they were old. The angel told Zechariah to name the boy John. John would be great in God's sight and would prepare people for the coming of the Lord.

Zechariah asked how he could be sure these things would happen. The angel Gabriel told Zechariah that God sent him with the message. He said Zechariah would be unable to speak until the things Gabriel said had happened. People waited outside the temple for Zechariah to come out. When he came out, he could not speak!

After a time, Elizabeth had a son. Neighbors and family came to celebrate with them. Elizabeth said his name was John. The people were surprised since no one in the family was named John. The people asked Zechariah, "What will be his name?" Zechariah wrote on a writing tablet: "His name is John." Immediately, Zechariah could speak again.

(Read Luke 1:68 from a Bible.) Zechariah praised God. He told the people his child would prepare people for God's salvation. John grew up to be a man. He lived in the wilderness until the time was right for him to begin preaching to the people.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Luke 1:68

LIFE POINT: God prepared for His plan of salvation.

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out *God Prepared the Way for Jesus* in Bible Studies for Life: LifeWay Kids App.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

In today's Bible study your child learned that God prepared for His plan of salvation. God brought about the birth of John the Baptist to help people know about His plan to send Jesus.



LIVE IT OUT

Read together about John the Baptist in all the Gospels—Matthew 3, Mark 1, Luke 3, and John 1. Recall the story of John's birth in Luke. Remind your child that John was God's plan to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus, the Messiah.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God provided a way for people to become Christians because He loves them.



DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Luke 1:68

Monday: Luke 1:76

Tuesday: Mark 1:3

Wednesday: Isaiah 40:3

Thursday: Luke 1:80

Friday: Luke 3:3

Saturday: Mark 1:7-8