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Preschool/
Kinder

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This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, ***we want YOU to be the one to introduce*** this part of The Big God Story to them.

For additional support in spiritual parenting and to learn more about creating transforming environments in your home, be sure to pick up **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** from your church or download at **HomeFrontMag.com**. You can also access the HomeFront app for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device.

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God Gets His People Ready to Meet His Son

Part of The Big God Story

Luke 1:1–25, 57–80

Zechariah, the Angel, and the Birth of John

JUST FOR FUN

Gather your family and light a scented candle. Read **Luke 1:5–14, 18–25**. Point your children's attention to the scented candle. Have them smell the beautiful aroma. Share that our prayers to God are like a lovely fragrance to Him. Ask: **Who was Zechariah's son?** Share that his son was Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist. Ask your children: **What might be some ways they would prepare to meet Jesus back in Bible times? What might be some ways they could prepare to meet Jesus today?**

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Did You Know?

- In the time between the Old Testament and the New Testament, there is no record of God speaking to His people. This is often referred to as the period of silence or the 400 Silent Years.
- As God was preparing the people to meet His Son Jesus, He chose Zechariah, one of about 18,000 priests serving Yahweh.
- God renewed His activity on behalf of His people when He sent a message for His people to Zechariah.

Your child will benefit greatly from time spent playing with other children. These early play experiences with peers help your child learn cooperation and conflict resolution skills that will help her build and maintain good relationships throughout her life.

Teachable Moments

After reading Luke 1:5–14, 18–25, discuss the following together:

- What do you think Zechariah's prayers might have been?
- What did Zechariah want to say to the people?
- How does God want us to get ready for Jesus?
- Is there someone you can help get ready for Jesus?

Remember Verse

The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves.

Zephaniah 3:17a

Blessing

For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource.**

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), **may you be grateful for God and be filled with His love. May you share the overflow of His love with others around you.**