



Zechariah's Unbelief

Luke 1:5-25, 1:57-80

A long time ago, God sent an angel to tell a man named Zechariah (pronounced: Zeck-uh-rye-uh) some good news. The angel told Zechariah that his wife, Elizabeth, would have a baby boy that would grow up to prepare the way for Jesus!

Let's clap for this good news! (Everyone will clap)

Good job! The angel told Zechariah to name the baby boy John.

Let me hear you say, "John." (Everyone will say, "John")

Perfect! Let's keep reading!



What the angel said was good news, but (point to man) Zechariah and his wife, Elizabeth, were really old.

Because of this, Zechariah did not believe the angel.

Let me see you shake your head “no” like Zechariah may have done.
(Everyone will shake head in “no” motion)



So the angel told Zechariah, “You will not be able to speak until after John is born. That’s because you did not believe what God told you to do.”

Uh-oh! This doesn’t sound like good news!

Soon Zechariah found out he should have believed the angel because his wife, Elizabeth, was going to have a baby, just like the angel had said.



***Do you remember what the angel told Zechariah to name the baby boy?
(John)***

***That's right! When the baby was born, they named him John, just like the
angel told them to do.***

Let me see your best excited faces! (Everyone will make excited faces)

***You look so excited, and I have something exciting to tell you! When baby
John was born, Zechariah could talk again!***



Zechariah told everyone the wonderful things God promised to do when baby John grew up. Zechariah and Elizabeth thanked God for doing what He said He would do!

You and I can believe that God will do everything He says He will do for us, too! Let me hear you say this after me in your holly jolliest voices! (PAUSE to allow kids to repeat)

I Can (thumbs to chest)

Believe God (both hands point up)