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**THE ANGEL APPEARS TO ZACHARIAS  
AND LATER APPEARS TO MARY**

**Story #18**

**REVIEW**

1. Who lost their oneness with God when Adam and Eve sinned? (Adam and Eve. All their descendants would not have oneness with God.)
2. In the stories, did God hate the sin of the people? (Yes.) Did God judge the sin of the people? (Yes.)
3. If God knew the sin of the people in the stories does God know our sin?
4. If God judged their sin will God judge our sin?
5. If they did not escape the punishment of God will we escape?
6. Are all sacrifices to God acceptable to Him? Remember Cain?
7. If their sacrifices were not accepted by God will God accept what we give to Him?
8. Are you a sinner?
9. Do you rebel against God?
10. Do you have oneness with God?
11. How can you pay for your sin?
12. Is any person good enough to pay for his sin?
13. What then? Must we die and be punished by God?
14. Is there a way to escape the punishment of a righteous God?

15. What will satisfy God concerning man's sin?
16. Did the sacrifices of the Israelites pay for their sin?  
(No. Because it was not a sinless sacrifice.)
17. Was there anything the people could give to God to satisfy Him concerning their sin?  
(No. We people do not have anything that will satisfy God concerning our sin or to pay for our sin. In ourselves we are helpless to pay for our sin because we have not been born in oneness with God. We must look to God and His way for salvation)
18. Review some of the ways GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES
  - \* God's promise to Abraham  
(Abraham's descendents would be slaves for 400 yrs,  
God would punish the nation who oppressed them,  
and Israelites would not come out empty handed)
  - \* God's promises to Moses at the burning bush  
(Go to Pharaoh, eventually he will let the people go  
a sign = the Israelites will return to this mountain  
*[Horeb/Mt. Sinai]* and worship Me[*God*])
  - \* God's promise to Adam & Eve  
(some day a Descendent will come to defeat Satan)
19. Review some of the prophecies (listed in Lesson 18)
  - \*Messiah would be born in Bethlehem
  - \*Virgin will give birth to Him
  - \*Messiah will be a descendent of David

**Read Luke 1:1-80**

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The prophet Malachi rebuked the people for straying from the truth spoken by God. Malachi reminded them of the Promised Descendant that was to come and would defeat Satan. Malachi spoke of how God would send His messenger before Him. God spoke through Malachi like this:

“Behold, I will send My messenger and he shall make ready My way.”

God caused the prophet Isaiah to say:

“There will be the voice of one telling loudly  
in the desolate place saying,  
‘Make ready the way of the Lord;  
make a straight path for our God.’”

These prophecies told that God was sending a messenger to tell about the coming of the Promised Descendant.

After the prophet Malachi spoke to the Israelite people, 400 years passed.

**THE ANGEL APPEARS TO ZACHARIAS**

There was one priest named Zacharias (*Zekaryah*). He followed God’s commands and worshiped Him. His wife’s name was Elizabeth (*Elisheba*). They were both righteous people. But Elizabeth was barren and had no child.

One day, as Zacharias was in the Temple doing his work as a priest, an angel of the Lord appeared to him. Zacharias was afraid but the angel told him not to be afraid because God had answered their prayer. Elizabeth was going to have a child. They were to name the child John (*Yohanan*). This child would be filled with the Holy Spirit even while yet in his mother’s womb. The angel also said that many of the Israelites would believe the Lord their God because of this messenger’s proclaiming. The angel said that

this one would prepare the people for the coming of the Lord, the Promised Descendant.

Zacharias asked the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man and my wife is old.” The angel told him that he would not be able to speak until the child was born because he had not believed the words of the angel.

When Zacharias came out of the temple, the people thought he had seen a vision because he could not speak.

Soon Elizabeth became pregnant.

### **THE ANGEL APPEARS TO MARY**

Now when Elizabeth (*Elisheba*) was six months pregnant, the angel Gabriel appeared to a virgin named Mary (*Miryam*), who was the cousin of Elizabeth. The angel told Mary that she would have a child who would be the Redeemer, the Promised Descendant. The angel said,

“He shall be great,  
and shall be called the Son of the Highest,  
and the Lord God will cause Him to rule as a king  
where His father David ruled.  
And He shall reign over the  
descendants of Jacob forever  
and of His kingdom there shall be no end.”

Mary wanted to know how this could be because she had not lain with a man. She was engaged to a man named Joseph. The angel told her that the Spirit of God would cause her to conceive. The angel also said that Mary’s cousin Elizabeth would have a son.

Mary went to visit her cousin, Elizabeth. Elizabeth knew that Mary would be the mother of the Savior, the Promised Descendant.

A little later, Elizabeth gave birth to a son and all her friends and relatives were very happy because God had shown mercy to her. When the child was eight days old the people came because the child was to be circumcised, as was the custom of the Israelites. The relatives wanted to call

the child Zacharias because that was his father's name. But Elizabeth said, "Not so, he shall be named John." Then they made motions to Zacharias to ask what he would name the child. Because Zacharias could not speak yet, he took a writing tablet and on it wrote, "His name is John." The people were all amazed. Immediately, Zacharias was filled with the Spirit of God and prophesied, saying,

*"Let us praise the Lord, the God of Israel,  
because He has come and has redeemed His people.  
God has provided a mighty Savior for us,  
who is a descendent of His servant David.*

*Long ago, through His chosen (holy) prophets He said,  
That He would deliver us from our enemies,  
and from the power of all those who hate us.  
That is why He graced us like He promised to our fathers,  
and He remembered His holy covenant.*

*That was the promise He swore to our father Abraham.*

*That He would deliver us from our enemies,  
so that we could worship Him without fear,  
to worship Him in holiness and righteousness  
all the days of our life.*

*And you, child, will be called the prophet  
of the Most High God.  
You will go before the Lord to  
prepare the people for His coming.  
You will tell His people about salvation  
telling them how our God in His grace  
forgives their sins.*

*He comes because we live in darkness and the fear of death  
that He may teach us about life that is peaceful" (Luke 1:68-79).*

That was what Zacharias said.

The child, John, grew and became strong in spirit, and he lived in the deserts until the day he began to preach to the Israelites.

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Characteristics of God**

Which characteristics of God are shown in this story?  
How is that characteristic of God shown in this story?

1. **GOD IS THE SOURCE OF GRACE**

God graced Elizabeth and she gave birth to a child, even though she was old.

Even though the Israelites did not always follow God, He still loved them and promised to send one to deliver them.

2. **GOD IS ALL POWERFUL**

God had power to cause Elizabeth and Zacharias to have a child even though they were old.

God caused Zacharias not to speak.

God caused Zacharias to prophesy things that would happen.

3. **GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES**

Through Zacharias, the Lord spoke again about the descendant promised to Abraham, Isaac, and David.

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**Questions**

1. What did the angel tell Zacharias?  
(The angel said that Elizabeth would have a child.)
2. What did the angel say about the Spirit of God?  
(The angel said that God's Holy Spirit would possess the child even before it was born.)
3. Was this the first time the Lord spoke about the birth of John?  
(No, the prophets Isaiah and Malachi spoke about the birth and work of a messenger to come.)
4. Was John the descendant who would defeat Satan?  
(No, his work was to prepare the people to receive the Messiah, the Promised Descendant.)
5. Who was the young woman named Mary (*Miryam*)?  
(A virgin, a descendant of David. She was from the tribe of Judah)
6. What was the name of the man that Mary was engaged to?  
(Joseph)
7. God spoke through Zacharias and told the people that He had not forgotten His promises to them. God reminded them again that He would save them from their enemies. He also told them that He would remember all the things He had promised to their ancestor Abraham.

Do you think that Zacharias and the people were happy when they heard this? (Yes.)

8. What was the name of the prophet who spoke about a virgin giving birth to a son?  
(Isaiah.)
  
9. What were the names of the prophets that spoke about the one messenger who would be telling about the coming of the Promised Descendant?  
(Isaiah and Malachi.  
You may read Isaiah 40:3-5 and Malachi 3:1 )

**pearl** ~ *“The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham... so all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations” (Matt. 1:1-17).*

## Picture Description

### **18. "Angel appears to Zacharias /Angel appears to Mary"**

*(Left ~ Scene one)*

Angel Gabriel

Zacharias w/priestly garments ~ ministering in Holy Place in Temple

Veil (blue/purple/scarlet) of the Temple in the background

Altar of Incense – (Luke 1:5-25)

*(Right~ Scene two - six months later)*

Angel Gabriel

Mary - (Luke 1:26-38)

*(notice she doesn't bow to the angel or worship angel)*