



flowers  
trees for climbing



## On the Way Home

God gives us good things every day. Fill this list with all the good things from God you see on the way home today. (We've added two already!) Ask your seat buddy to find some too!





# Today's Story

is full of surprises—here are two surprises for you:

- **Surprise #1:** You're the illustrator, so get ready to draw!
- **Surprise #2:** The story pictures are mixed up. After you draw the pictures, add numbers to put them in the right order.



Zechariah came out of the temple and tried to show the people what had happened.



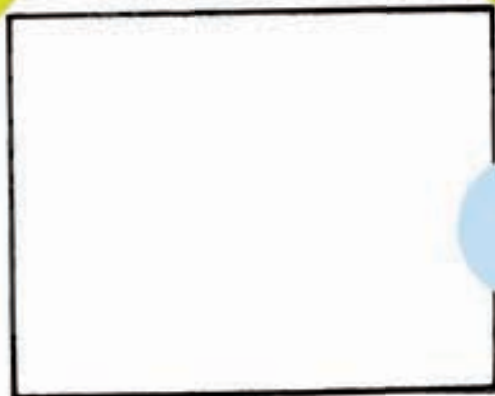
Zechariah and Elizabeth were sad after waiting so long for a baby.



Zechariah wrote, "His name is John."



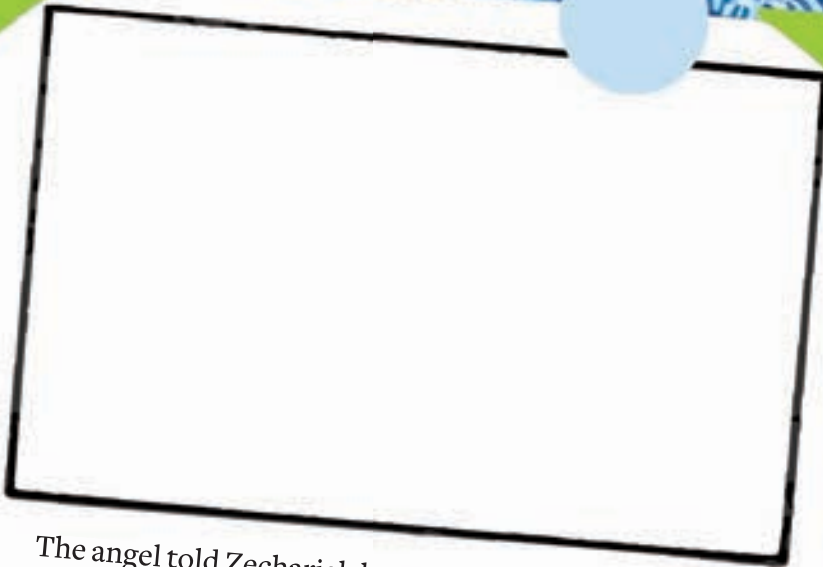
Zechariah went home to Elizabeth and showed her they were going to have a baby.



Zechariah and Elizabeth were so happy to have a baby.



**Find somebody to show and share this story with!**



The angel told Zechariah he was done waiting for a baby, and God's people were almost done waiting for a Savior.



Zechariah prayed to God in the temple.



God surprised Zechariah with an angel. Zechariah was terrified!



After months of waiting, Zechariah got his voice back and praised God!



**Check the order of your story pictures in Luke 1:5-25, 57-64.**



Memory



Challenge:

Luke 2:8-14

# Watching and Waiting

## How many times

can you find the word *waiting* in the story sentence pictures on the previous page?

Unscramble this word to find out what all of God's people were waiting for: **I S R V A O**.

Waiting can be hard—especially when you are waiting for a promise to come true! What is the hardest thing you have ever had to wait for? Write it down here:



Next time you're waiting in line for something, use some of the time to talk to God!

## Dear Family:

Welcome to Wonder! It's our hope that the story of Jesus' life on earth—and especially his reason for coming—will come alive in the heart and mind of your child in the coming weeks as we wonder together about God and God's incredible plan for the world. Wondering questions are great because they have no right or wrong answers! (You'll find lots of them in your God's Big Story Cards.) Here's something to wonder about with your child today: **I wonder what Zechariah and Elizabeth told their son John about the day they found out he was coming...**

## God Loves You!

When Zechariah received good news from God, he couldn't wait to tell everyone about it! Make a pop-up card to share the good news of God's love with someone.

### Here's what you'll need:

- scissors
- tape or glue
- coloring pencils or markers
- paper to make a card

### Here's what you'll do:

- Cut the "God Loves You!" strip off of this Show and Share paper.



- Fold it back and forth about six times.



- Fold your card in half.
- Decorate the front and inside. (You could write SURPRISE! on the front if you like.)
- Tape or glue the pop-up strip inside the card.



- Surprise someone!

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# God Loves You!





Bath Item

Furniture

Toy

Clothes

Something to  
Cuddle

Book



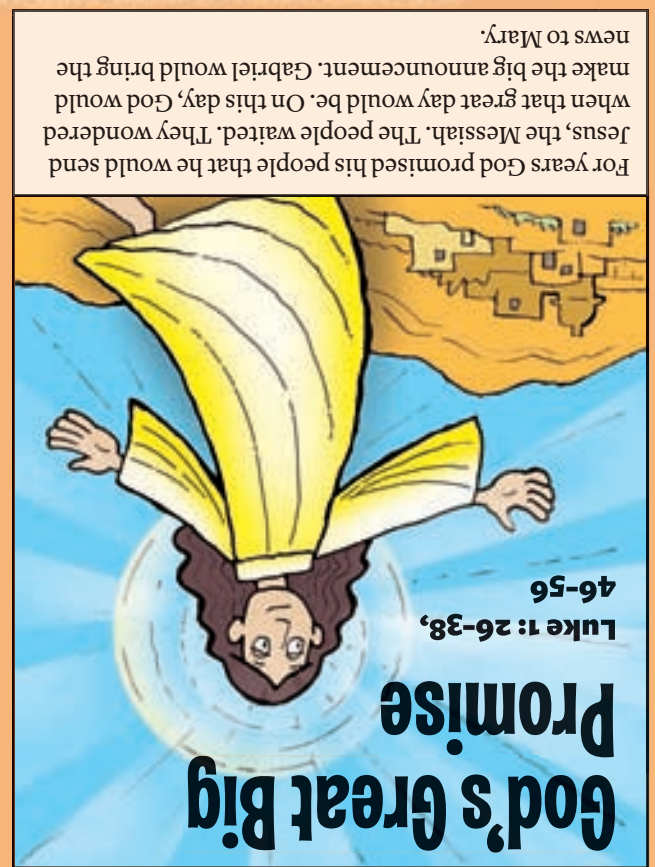
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Surprising news! The angel has just told Mary that she is going to be the mother of Jesus! Imagine the things Mary might need for her baby. Talk about it with someone riding with you. In each shape, draw a picture or write words to describe each item. Remember—it's going to be a boy!





**Let's Make A Book!** Fold the top half of this page back along the dotted line that runs across the middle of the page. Then fold along the solid line that goes up and down in the middle.







I will praise the Lord.  
God has chosen me to be his humble servant.  
Holy is God's name. His love is forever, and  
he gives it to all who believe in him. Yes! Praise  
God! Jesus is coming, just as God  
promised!



God will be the father. Jesus  
will be God's Son. Never  
forget—nothing is impossible  
with God.

I am God's servant. I  
will wait for it to happen just  
as you have said.



# Celebration Chants

**Gather your family to thank and praise God for his goodness to us.**

**Leader:** Who promised to send Jesus into the world?

Give me a **G**. *(Pause for response after each.)*

Give me an **O**.

Give me a **D**.

What does it spell? *(God)*

Let's clap to celebrate God! *(Clap your hands.)*

**Leader:** God promised the Messiah would be born. What is his name?

Give me a **J**.

Give me an **E**.

Give me an **S**.

Give me a **U**.

Give me an **S**.

What does it spell? *(Jesus)*

Let's spin in place to celebrate the Messiah! *(Do so.)*

**Leader:** Jesus' coming is a gift for whom?

Give me a **U**.

Give me an **S**.

What does it spell? *(Us)*

Let's high-five each other to thank God for Jesus! *(Do so.)*



**Memory**



**Challenge:**

**Luke 2:8-14**

**Dear Family:**

**Today your child heard** the story of the angel Gabriel's visit to Mary to announce the good news that Jesus, the Messiah, was coming soon. Help your child turn this page into a mini-storybook of that story. After reading it together, celebrate God's great plan for the world by leading your child (or having your child lead you!) in the cheer at left.

