

51. Elizabeth

It all begins with a Jewish priest, Zechariah, who lived when Herod was king of Judea. Zechariah was a member of the priestly order of Abijah. His wife, Elizabeth, was also from the priestly line of Aaron. Zechariah and Elizabeth were righteous in God's eyes, careful to obey all of the Lord's commandments and regulations. They had no children because Elizabeth was barren, and now they were both very old ...

But the angel said, "Don't be afraid, Zechariah! For God has heard your prayer, and your wife, Elizabeth, will bear you a son! And you are to name him John ...

Soon afterward his wife, Elizabeth, became pregnant and went into seclusion for five months ...

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee ...(to Mary)

What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she's already in her sixth month ...

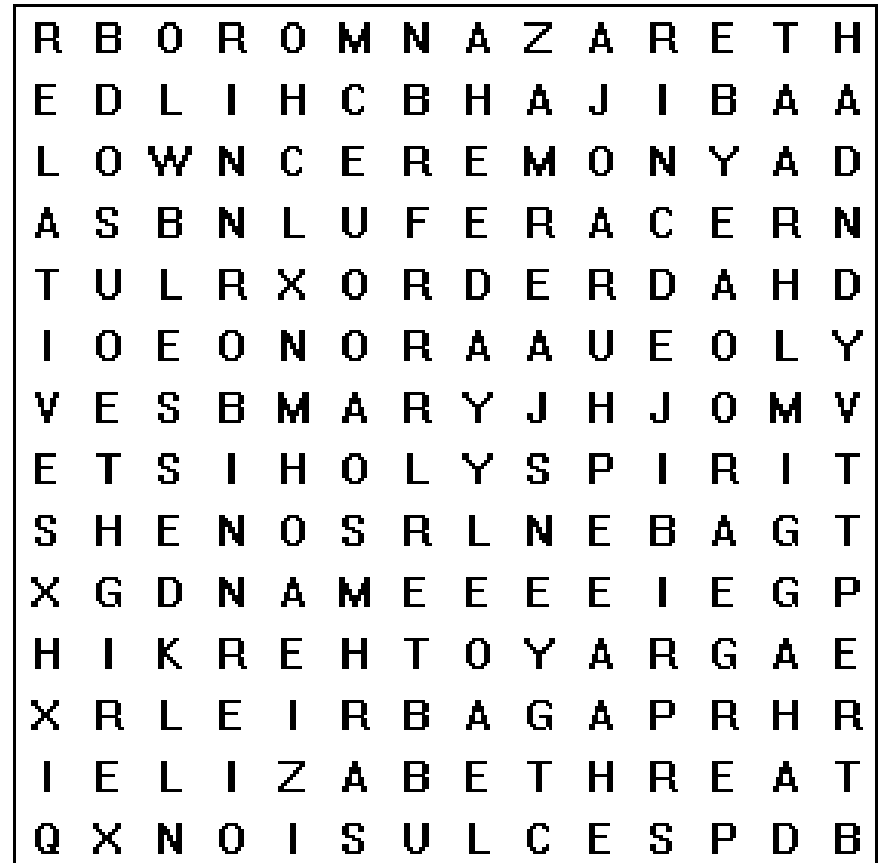
A few days later Mary hurried to the hill country of Judea, to the town where Zechariah lived. She entered the house and greeted Elizabeth. At the sound of Mary's greeting, Elizabeth's child leaped within her, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit...

Elizabeth gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary, "You are blessed by God above all other women, and your child is blessed. ...

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back to her own home ...

Now it was time for Elizabeth's baby to be born, and it was a boy. When the baby was eight days old, all the relatives and friends came for the circumcision ceremony. They wanted to name him Zechariah, after his father.

But Elizabeth said, "No! His name is John!" ... (Luke 1 NLT)



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AARON	EIGHT	NAZARETH
ABIJAH	ELIZABETH	OLD
AGE	GABRIEL	ORDER
BARREN	HEARD	OTHER
BEAR	HOLYSPIRIT	OWN
BLESSED	JOHN	PRAYER
BORN	JUDEA	RELATIVES
CAREFUL	LEAPED	RIGHTEOUS
CEREMONY	MARY	SECLUSION
CHILD	NAME	SON