

Lesson 2

Silence Before a Son
Luke 1:5–25, 57–66

ACTIVITIES

Choose from the following activities and crafts to help connect Bible learning to life.

Name Decorating

Use markers to write each child's name in bubble letters on a sheet of paper. Say, **In our Bible story, God gave some parents a special baby and told them what to name him. You are a blessing from God to your family. Your name is special too!** Set out supplies to decorate names (e.g., glitter pens, stickers, tissue paper).



Alphabet Snack

Pour alphabet cereal into clear plastic cups. Write children's names on small paper plates, and encourage them to find some of the letters in their names. Ask, **What can you do with your letters? Can you find any of the letters in your name? Do you remember what Zechariah wrote on his slate tablet? (His name is John.)**



Messenger Bag

For each child, cut around the back pocket of old jeans or corduroy pants, leaving the pocket intact. Hand-sew a long piece of ribbon to the top for a handle. Have children decorate it with buttons, sequins, washi tape, fabric paint, and such. Option: Purchase paper craft bags and set out art supplies for each child to decorate one. Talk about how God sent John to be His messenger and tell people about Jesus. Children can use their messenger bags to carry a Bible storybook or Sunday School projects.



Action Chant

God sent an angel; (*Spread arms for wings.*)
He had good news to tell. (*Cup mouth.*)
He said to Zechariah, (*Spread arms for wings.*)
“You’ll have a baby boy.” (*Rock a “baby.”*)
Zechariah heard it, (*Cup hands behind ears.*)
But he did not believe. (*Shake head no.*)
God kept His promise (*Point up.*)
And baby John was born. (*Rock a “baby.”*)
God sends His Good News (*Spread arms wide.*)
To you and me. (*Point to others and self.*)
His best news is Jesus; (*Make a finger cross.*)
He came for you and me. (*Point to others and self.*)

