

## **“THE ANGEL AND THE PRIEST”**

1. What is a recent surprise that your family has experienced: A job promotion? A new addition to the family? Your child got all “A’s”?  

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2. What stands out about Zechariah & Elizabeth (vv. 5-7)? Why clues to their pedigree are given?  

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3. Barrenness was seen as a sign of God’s disfavor and a legitimate reason for divorce. What do you think kept them together? What feelings must the couple have had in light of their barrenness?  

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4. What was the significance of the task for which Zechariah was chosen (see 1Ch 23:13)? Since many priests never had this opportunity, what might he be feeling as he prepares for it? How about when the angel appears?  

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5. How would the birth of this son affect Zechariah and Elizabeth?  

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6. How would you describe John’s mission in your own words?  

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7. Why would Zechariah doubt?  

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8. In what ways have you or are you experiencing spiritual barrenness? How does this story affect the way you perceive it?  

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9. Who do you most identify with in this story? Why?  

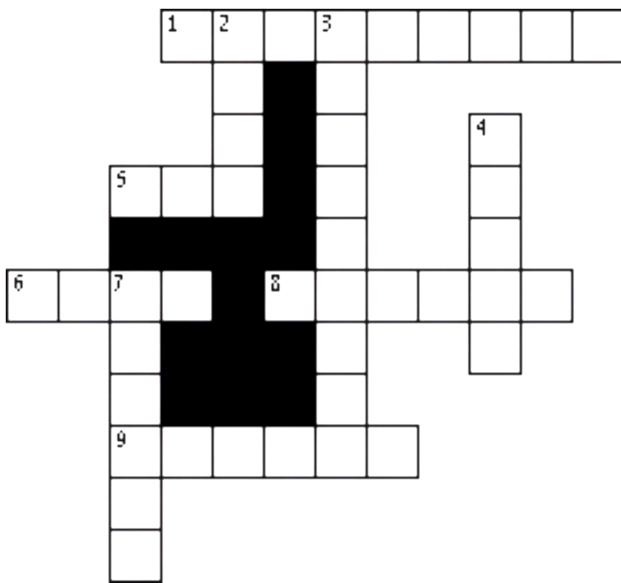
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10. When was the last time you doubted God? What was the cause?  

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11. How do you think God wants to grow you in your ability to place your faith and trust in Him this year?  

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**3 DOWN**— "There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named \_\_\_\_\_, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth." **LUKE 1:5**

**1 ACROSS**— "But they had no child, because \_\_\_\_\_ was barren, and they were both well advanced in years." **LUKE 1:7**

**9 ACROSS**— "So it was, that while he was serving as \_\_\_\_\_ before God in the order of his division, according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple." **LUKE 1:8-9**

**4 DOWN**— "Then an \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense." **LUKE 1:11**

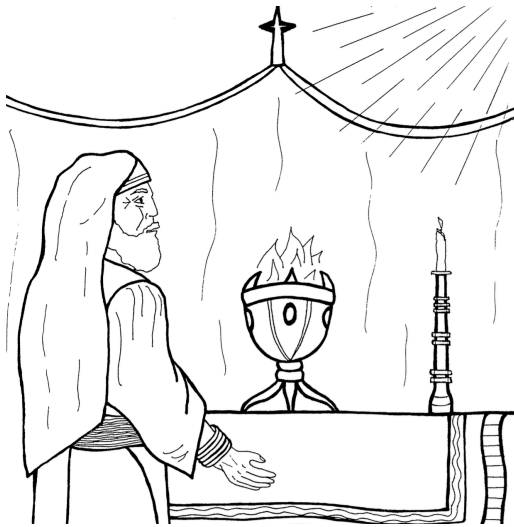
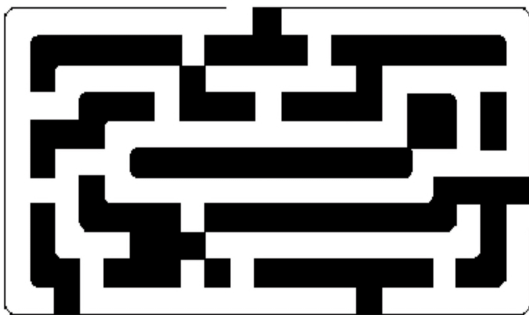
**8 ACROSS**— "But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your \_\_\_\_\_ is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.'" **LUKE 1:13**

**2 DOWN**— "And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the \_\_\_\_\_ their God." **LUKE 1:16**

**5 ACROSS**— "And Zacharias said to the angel, 'How shall I know this? For I am an \_\_\_\_\_ man, and my wife is well advanced in years.'" **LUKE 1:18**

**6 ACROSS**— "But behold, you will be \_\_\_\_\_ and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time." **LUKE 1:20**

**7 DOWN**— "But when he came out, he could not speak to them; and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the \_\_\_\_\_, for he beckoned to them and remained speechless." **LUKE 1:22**



**WORD SEARCH:**

- ANGEL
- BARREN
- ELIZABETH
- GABRIEL
- HOLY SPIRIT
- INCENSE
- PRIEST
- JOHN
- SON
- LORD
- TEMPLE
- MUTE
- ZACHARIAS
- PRAYER

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