Living Education- Children

Bible Lessons | Level 1

LESSON 1: ELIZABETH AND MARY

New Testament – The Birth of Jesus

Story Preview

Featured Passage: **Luke 1**

Many years had passed since the Jewish people had returned to their homeland since the captivity. But the people were still not free. The land of Judea was under the rule of the Romans whose empire stretched far and wide across the continent. The Jews were waiting for the Messiah to save them from the Romans as many of God's prophets had taught for hundreds of years before. God's plan was to send His Son as the Messiah. He also planned to send a prophet to prepare the people to hear the Messiah's message.

The story begins in Jerusalem where there lived a woman named Elizabeth who lived with her husband Zacharias. They were both very old, and they had no children. One day, Zacharias went to the temple to perform his duties as a priest and an angel appeared! The angel had a special message for Zacharias and Elizabeth about the coming Messiah and the man who would prepare the way for His arrival.

Discuss

1. What was the message the angel gave to Zacharius? How did Zacharias respond to the message?
2. What did Gabriel tell Zacharias to name his son? What happened to Zacharias when he left the temple? How did he tell his relatives what his son's name would be?
3. What was the message the angel gave to Mary? How did Mary respond to the message?
4. What was Mary to name her son? What does the name mean?
5. What happened when Mary came to visit her cousin?

Memory Challenge

Luke 1:31

"And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son and shall call His name Jesus."