



December 1, 2024

Today's Reading:
Luke 1:41-45

Today, at church I learned:

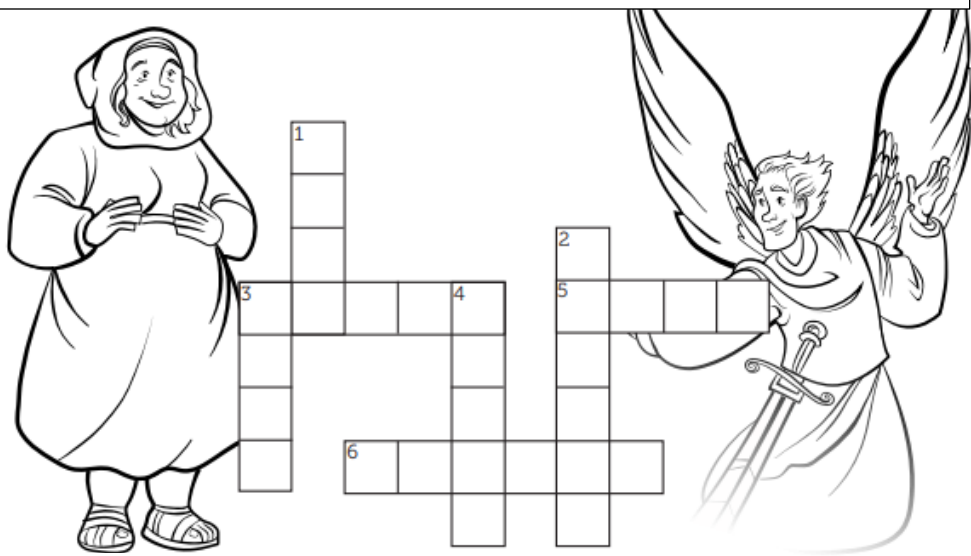
Luke 1:42

And she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb!"



Zechariah and Elizabeth came from a long line of priests. They were faithful and obedient servants of the Lord. They had longed to have children, but Elizabeth could not have a child. One day, the angel Gabriel appeared to Zechariah at the temple and told him that Elizabeth would have a son. Zechariah did not understand how this could happen. Gabriel made him so he could no longer speak because he did not believe. Soon after, Gabriel would appear to Mary to tell her about the birth of her son, Jesus.

Mary went to visit Elizabeth, and when she arrived and greeted Elizabeth, the baby in Elizabeth's womb leaped. Elizabeth boldly prophesized that Mary's baby was the Lord. This week we will read about Elizabeth's prophecy for Mary's baby, Jesus.



Across

- The angel Gabriel told Mary she would name her son _____.
- Zechariah was chosen to _____ incense in the temple.
- The baby _____ in Elizabeth's womb when Mary greeted her.

Down

- Mary declared the mighty _____ of God in a song of praise and prophesy.
- Zechariah and Elizabeth both _____ God's commandments and were righteous in God's eyes.
- Family members all thought the baby would be called Zechariah, but Elizabeth said his name was _____.
- The angel Gabriel made it so Zechariah could not _____ until after the baby was born.

Elizabeth is a powerful female example of faith, hope, and courage while waiting for God's perfect timing.

She had always wanted a child and remained strong in her faith that God had the power to make it happen. She also had courage in her bold prophecy that Mary's child was the promised Messiah.

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



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JESUS

ELIZABETH

GABRIEL

ZECHARIAH

JOHN

ANGEL

TEMPLE

BABY

BORN

MARY

OLD

WOMB

Elizabeth's story is an example of how God rewards those who are faithful.

God gives us the desires of our heart (Psalm 37:4). That does not mean He gives us everything we want. The big things we want for our lives are desires God has given us. If God has given us the desire, then it will happen! We should never lose faith or hope in something God has promised us.

God has a plan for our lives, and in His perfect timing, the blessings He has planned for our lives will come. Sometimes, it may feel like the blessings we are waiting for will never come, but Elizabeth is a perfect example of why we should never give up hope! We may not understand why we have to wait, but God does. When the time is right, it will happen!