

# JOHN IS BORN

*Luke 1:57-80*



*Elizabeth, Zechariah, and their new baby boy John*

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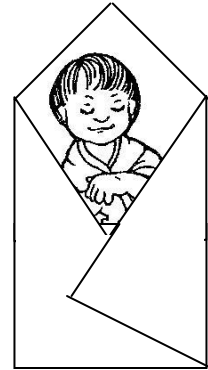
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## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: BUNDLED BABY

Students will make a baby bundled up in a blanket to remind them that John the Baptist was born to Elizabeth and Zechariah in their old age.

### MATERIALS

1. White 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Bundled Baby Pattern
3. Glue
4. Cotton Balls
5. Scissors
6. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils



### DIRECTIONS

1. Copy a “Bundled Baby Pattern” for each student on 67 lb. Cardstock.
2. Have students cut out the blanket on the solid black lines and cut out baby John.
3. Let students color baby John and the blanket (on both sides) with crayons, markers, or colored pencils.
4. Instruct students to crumple up the blanket in their hand and then smooth it out again. (Repeat this step 5-10 times. This makes the paper feel like cloth.)
5. Have students glue a cotton ball on the blanket as a pillow.
6. Place baby John in the blanket.
7. Glue the blanket around baby John.

### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their blankets and baby John, help them realize that this baby would one day prepare the way for Jesus’ ministry here on earth. Baby John would grow up to be John the Baptist.

### TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

### MEMORY VERSE

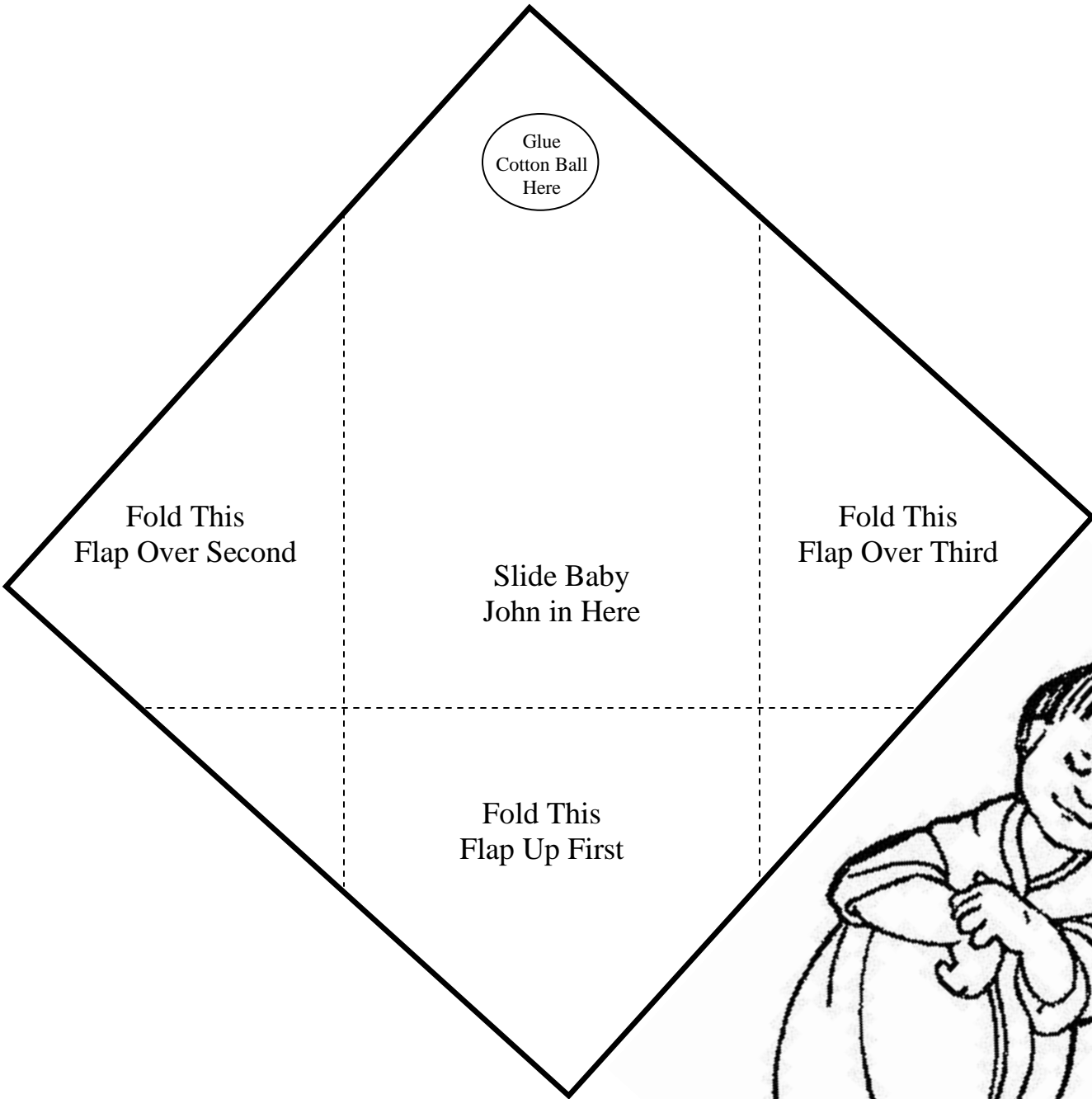
*“...you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him.”*

*Luke 1:76*

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## BUNDLED BABY PATTERN



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**Break the secret code to find out the name that Zechariah and Elizabeth's baby went by when he grew up.**

a	△	k	◐	u	▮
b	+	l	▽	v	◌
c	▮	m	☆	w	≡
d	○	n	←	x	□
e	◻	o	▽	y	⊕
f	⊖	p	x	z	▮
g	▭	q	∩		
h	◇	r	⊗		
i	∪	s	△		
j	*	t	≡		

Elizabeth had a baby boy, just like the angel said she would. Zechariah and Elizabeth's relatives had opinions about what the baby's name should be. Most thought he should be called Zechariah or some other name that was in their family. But Elizabeth told them that the angel said what the baby should be named.

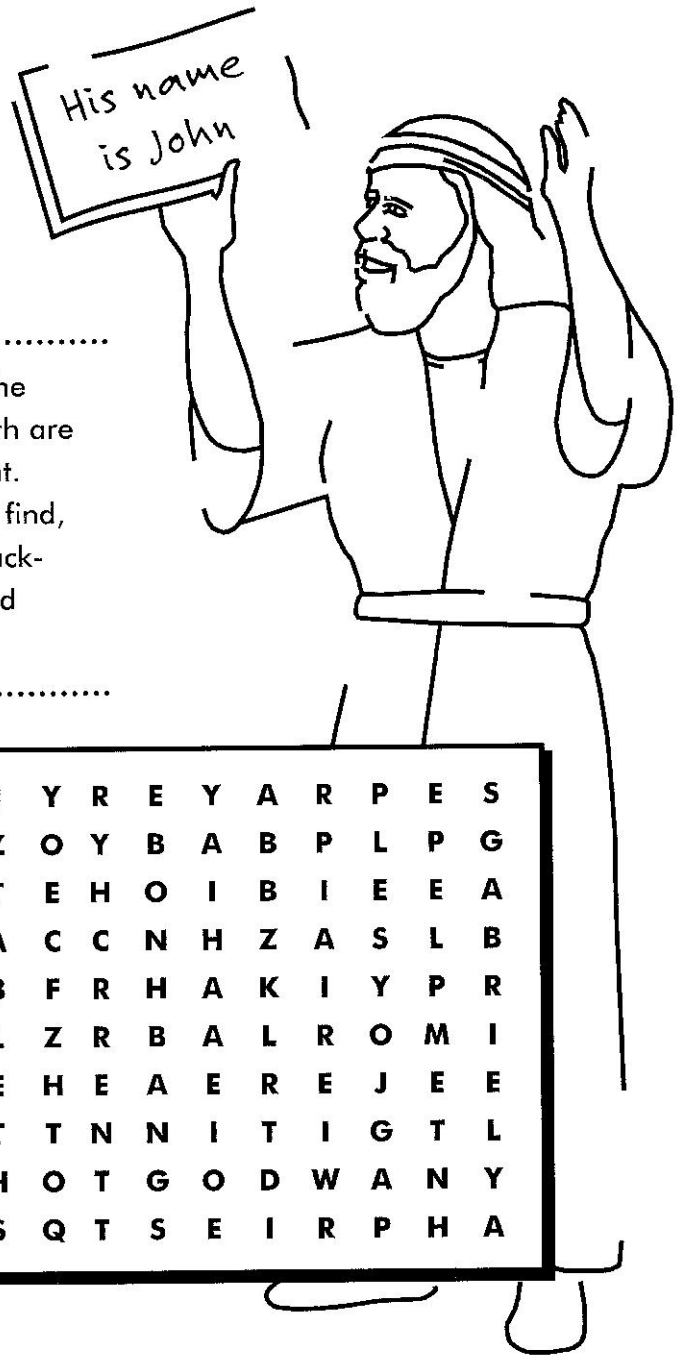
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## Word List

AFRAID  
ANGEL  
BABY  
ELIZABETH  
GABRIEL  
GOD  
JOHN  
JOY  
PRAYER  
PRIEST  
SILENT  
SON  
SPEAK  
TABLET  
TEMPLE  
ZECHARIAH

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Important words from the Bible story of John's birth are hidden in this word hunt. See how many you can find, reading forward and backward, up and down, and diagonally.  
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A SPECIAL REPORT ON LUKE 1:57-80

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Zechariah was visited by an angel named Gabriel. Gabriel told Zechariah that he and his wife Elizabeth, who were both very old, would have a baby boy.

Nine months later, Elizabeth had a baby boy. Eight days after that, they were going to name the baby Zechariah after his father. Elizabeth said, "No! He is to be called John."

The people were confused because none of their relatives were named John. The people made signs to Zechariah to see what he thought the boy's name should be. Zechariah was still unable to speak so he asked for a writing tablet. Zechariah wrote, "His name is John." Immediately Zechariah was able to speak. He began to praise God. The neighbors were filled with awe and everyone began talking about what had happened.

The people asked Zechariah what the child was going to be. Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and told the people that John would prepare the way of the Lord. John would teach people that Jesus would take away their sins.

John grew and became strong in spirit while he lived in the desert. Soon his time would come to tell Israel about Jesus.

To find out more details about this story, read Luke 1:57-80 in your Bible.

## QUESTIONS

1. What did Elizabeth and Zechariah name their son?
2. What happened after Zechariah decided to name his son John?
3. What was John going to do when he got older?
4. What kind of man do you think John grew up to be?

## MEMORY VERSE

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## WORD SCRAMBLE

ZECHARIAH	JOHN	GABRIEL
ELIZABETH	JESUS	BOY

OYB \_\_\_\_\_

GLARBEI \_\_\_\_\_

HAIRAHCEZ \_\_\_\_\_

HETLEIBAZ \_\_\_\_\_

HJON \_\_\_\_\_

SSUJE \_\_\_\_\_