



WEEK 2

Mother (Elizabeth)
(Luke 1:5-7; 24-25)

Prepare: Pen and Paper

Instructions:

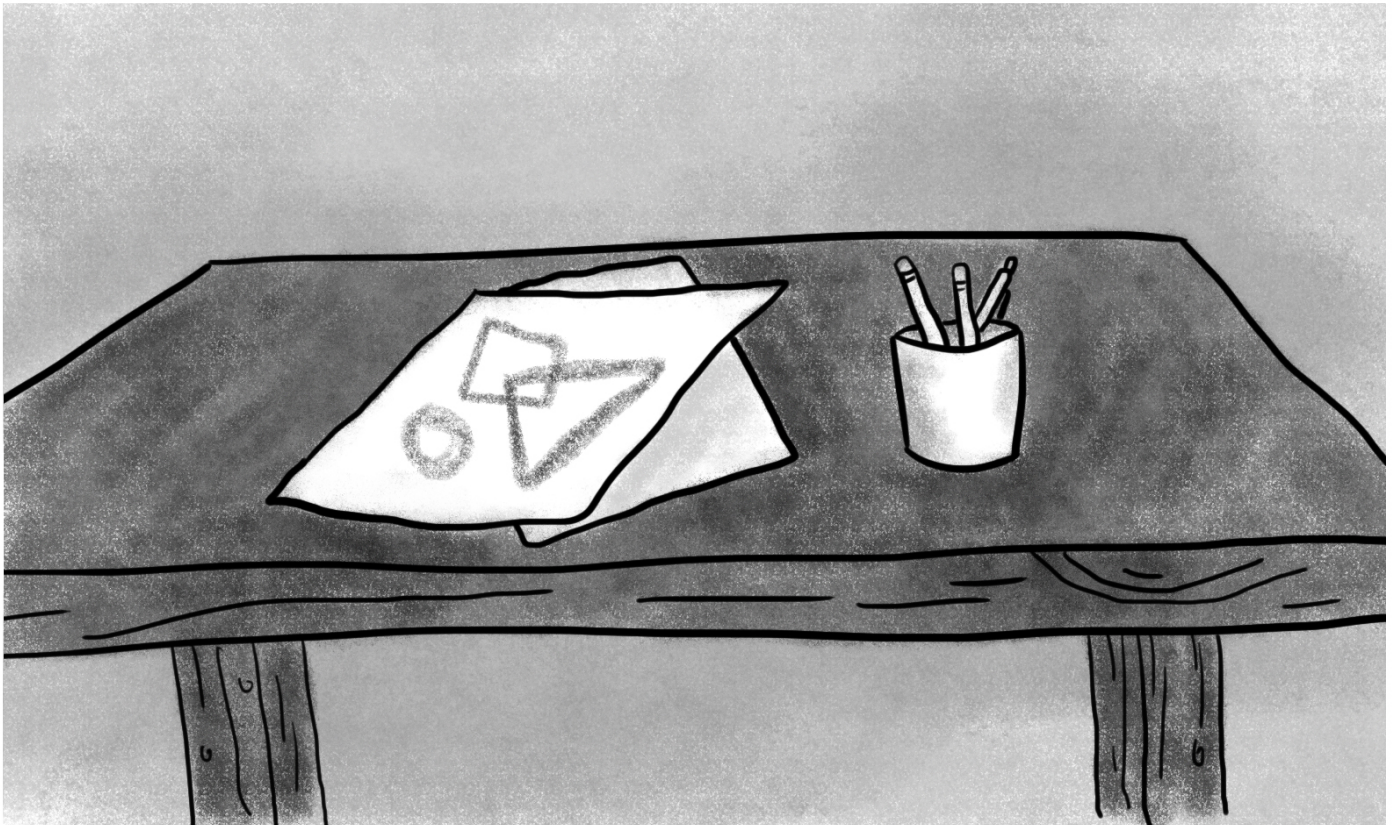
Give the pen and paper to your child and ask him to close his eyes.

Give instructions for him to draw shapes like square, circle, triangle, etc.

Let your child see what he drew.

Praise him for a job well done!

Explain to your child/ren that whatever he drew, it is the result of his trust and obedience to the instructions you have given him.





Read the Word

Luke 1:5-7

"In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years."

Elizabeth was the wife of a priest named Zechariah. The obedience of Zechariah and Elizabeth was from the heart and because of that, they were called "upright in the sight of God". When people were turning away from God, Elizabeth chose His ways and continued to walk with Him. She loved and obeyed God.

But the very sad and embarrassing part of Elizabeth's life was that she was barren. Zechariah and Elizabeth were too old to have a baby. Today, if a couple can't have a baby, everyone can understand. But back then, people think that the barren have serious personal problems. Good thing, God blessed Elizabeth with a son in her old age.

Luke 1:24-25

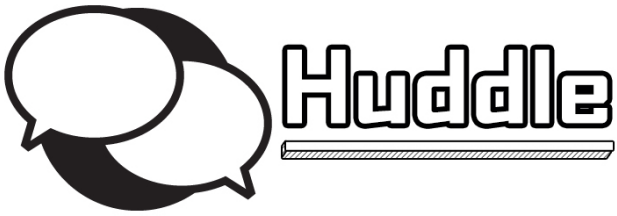
"After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept herself hidden, saying, "Thus the Lord has done for me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among people."

Elizabeth's son was John the Baptist. He was the messenger who told the people to repent because Jesus is coming.

Luke 1:80

And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

Elizabeth loved God. Even when she didn't have children, she continued following God. When God gave her a son, she raised him up to love and follow God too.



Parent to Kid

2-6 years old

- Are you obedient to your parents? Do you remember when you obeyed what you were told to do? Tell us about it.

7-12 years old

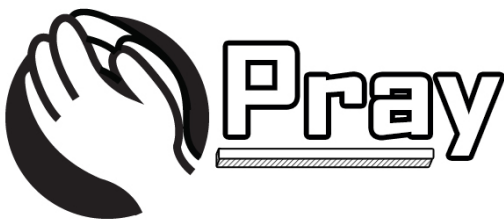
- Do you think it is easier to obey God or to obey your parents? Why?

Kid to Parents

- Why is it not good to disobey you?
- Why do you want us to obey you?
- (You can choose to share about a time when you disobeyed God - what happened, how you felt and how it ended up.)

Elizabeth followed God because she loved Him. She continued following Him even when God did not grant her any children. And when God finally did, she praised Him.. Because she lives her life loving and following God, she was able to pass this on to her son, John, whom we know also loved and followed God.

As parents, we will most likely be the "Bible" that our children read. It is through us that most of our kids will come to know God. Our character, attitudes, habits will help form the adults that they will be someday. Let's model Christ and his love to them.



Dear God,

Thank You for revealing to us the faithfulness of Elizabeth. Give us the right heart to obey you, to be loyal to you and most of all to have faith in you. Help us to trust in your Word and to follow what you want us to do so the children can follow. In Jesus' name I pray,

Amen!



As many will be celebrating Mother's Day this weekend, do you know that this day was originally intended to promote peace among families of soldiers fighting in different sides during war time?

- In 1858, Ann Jarvis organized women brigades, calling women to work together regardless of which sides their husbands and sons were fighting for.
- Following the bloody Frano-Prussian War in 1870, Julia Ward Howe wrote the "Mother's Day Proclamation", calling for mothers to unite and promote world peace.
- In the early 1900's, Anna Jarvis, daughter of Ann Jarvis, wanted to memorialize her mother's lifelong work. Her efforts finally paid off when in 1907, the first Mother's Day service was held.

Today, Mother's Day is a much-celebrated event worldwide. But the truth is, we do not need to wait for this day to celebrate our mothers. We can honor them everyday of the year!

Source: <https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/resources/commemorations/history-of-mothers-day/>

