**Note:** Consider taking turns reading

 Consider reading from different Bible Translations

Consider underlining memory verses in your Bible

 Consider having everyone write their memory verses in a journal

 Consider keeping track of family members’ prayer requests in a journal

Please adapt these lessons for the needs of your family

**Songs of the Bible**

**Lesson 15– Zechariah’s Song**

**Start with Prayer**

**Memory Verse – Psalm 107:15 – Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men.**

**Lesson 15-Scripture: Luke 1:67-79**

**Lesson 15 - Part 1: Who is Zechariah?**

**Scripture: Luke 1:5-25**

**Comment:** We have two stories running simultaneously, first the birth of John the Baptist is foretold in the first part of Luke 1, and then right after it is the birth of Jesus foretold.

**Read: Luke 1:5-25 and answer these questions:**

1. What is Zechariah’s job?
2. What is the description of what John the son will be like?
3. What were Zechariah’s concerns?

**Something to talk about:** What happened to Zechariah because he questioned the angel? What was Gabriel’s explanation of Zechariah’s dilemma? What was Zechariah’s total dilemma?

**Next Time we are going to look at the reason for the song!**

**Family Prayer Requests:**

**Pray:** Dear Heavenly Father**,** we so often question why or how events in our life happen, help us to put our full trust in your Name and in your ability to know what is best for us. In Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen.

**Songs of the Bible**

**Lesson 15 – Zechariah’s Song**

**Start with Prayer**

**Review Memory Verse – Psalm 107:15**

**Lesson 15 Scripture: Luke 1:67-79**

**Lesson 15 – Part 2 – Reason for the Song**

**Scripture: Luke 1:57-66**

**Comment:**  We saw in our last lesson how Zechariah had doubts to the possibility of Elizabeth being able to have a baby and was kept from speaking until the circumcising of John as we see in today’s scripture.

**Read: Luke 1:57-66 and answer these questions:**

1. Why did everyone question the name John?
2. At what moment was Zechariah able to speak?
3. What did Zechariah start doing right away?

**Something to talk about:**  What might be some reasons that the freeing of Zechariah’s tongue didn’t happen until the circumcising of the baby? How was the “Lord’s hand” with John? (See Luke 1:15)

**Next time we will talk about the song of Zechariah.**

**Family Prayer Requests:**

**Pray:**  Dear Heavenly Father, as we become to know you more and more help our tongues to be loosed and help us to speak of your love and mercy. Help us to praise your name. In Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen.

**Songs of the Bible**

**Lesson 15: Zechariah’s Song**

**Review Memory Verse – Psalm 107:15**

**Lesson 15 Scripture: Luke 1:67-79**

**Lesson 15- Part 3 – The Prophesy**

**Scripture: Luke 1:67-75**

**Comment:**  We have this wonderful story of how Zechariah and Elizabeth were blessed with the birth of John, both John and Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit. Now Zechariah is proclaiming the wonder of what God has done and will do in his song.

**Read: Luke 1:67-75 and then answer these questions:**

 1. What was Zechariah filled with and what did he do?

 2. What did God say through his holy prophets of long ago?

 3. What is the salvation that Zechariah refers to?

 4. What did God do and what were the people now able to do?

**Something to talk about:**  We’ve mentioned this before but what is the enemy that God has recued us from? Are we able to serve God in the same way as Zechariah outlines here?

**Next time we will look at Zechariah’s prophesy of John.**

**Family Prayer Requests:**

**Pray:** Dear Heavenly Father, thank-you for the Holy Spirit that is still alive and well in believers today. Help us to be in tune with the Holy Spirit’s guidance in our lives. In Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen.

**Songs of the Bible**

**Lesson 15: Zechariah’s Song**

**Review Memory Verse – Psalm 107:15**

**Lesson 15 Scripture: Luke 1:67-79**

**Lesson 15- Part 4 – The Prophesy part 2**

**Scripture: Luke 1:76-80**

**Comment:**  Zechariah first talks about Jesus and salvation, and how God has saved the people of Israel from their enemies in the past but now he goes on to talk about his son, John and what his role in all of this.

**Read: Luke 1:76-80 and then answer these questions:**

 1. What will John be called?

 2. What does Zechariah say John will do for the Lord?

 3. How will the people have knowledge of salvation?

 4. Who is Zechariah referring to in the rising sun?

**Something to talk about:**  What all will this rising sun do? Given the circumstances of John’s parents, talk about some of the reasons that John grew up in the desert. Why was he able to speak to Israel like he did?

**Next time we will look at David’s song of thanks.**

**Family Prayer Requests:**

**Pray:** Dear Heavenly Father, we often like John do not have easy lives, in the desert he became strong in spirit help us to do the same in whatever our circumstances might be. In Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen.