

Bible Story 204
Zacharias & Elizabeth
Luke 1:5-25

OPENING ACTIVITIES

- **Color**
 - Color the picture with the memory verse on it
 - Place a drop of perfume on the incense in the picture

WORSHIP

PRAYER

- As the children share their prayer requests, have each child name his favorite scent. Tell the children to think about that scent as the child prays. Our prayers are like incense before the Lord (Rev. 5:8)

STORY

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- **Use the flannel-graph**
 - Have children name things they have really wanted to do but had to wait for their turns. Zacharias had to wait his turn to go into the temple
 - Light a scented candle to talk about incense and how our prayers are a sweet scent to the Lord
 - God's timing is perfect. If He had given Zacharias and Elizabeth a son when they were young he would not have been the one to get people ready for the Messiah

MEMORY VERSE

Luke 1:16

“And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God.”

- John the Baptist would turn the hearts of the people toward God to prepare them for the coming of Jesus the Messiah
- Practice the verse by doing actions
 - Tape a large paper cross or clip-art picture of Jesus on the wall behind the children
 - As the class says the verse have them turn around to face the cross or the picture of Jesus

ACTIVITIES

- **Craft – Make Pot-Pourri bags**
 - Allow children to place a small amount of Pot-Pourri into sachets
 - Tie a small decorative paper to the string of the sachet, stating, “Pray – it smells wonderful to the Lord”
 - Have children pull the strings to tighten the sachets

- **Activity**
 - At the beginning of class, show the children that you have scratch and sniff stickers for all of them. If no one asks for a sticker, encourage them to request one
 - Make them wait until the end of class to receive their stickers
 - Compare this to how Zacharias had to wait many years for the answer to his prayer request

- **Game – Charades**
 - Have the children take turns acting out words or stories without talking
 - Have the rest of the children guess what is being acted out
 - Compare this to how Zacharias was unable to speak because he did not trust that God would do what He said He would do

MATERIALS

- Coloring paper with memory verse on it (Print the coloring page from <http://www.calvaryknoxville.org/NTTableOfContents.pdf> and cut and paste the memory verse onto the bottom)
- Crayons
- Perfume
- “Scratch and sniff” stickers
- Flannel board
- Flannel pieces
- Scented candle
- Matches (if you have a fire-safe place to light the candle)
- Pot-pourri
- Small sachets (intended for weddings or showers)
- Small decorative tags with “Pray -- it smells wonderful to the Lord” printed on them
- Hole punch
- Large paper cross or clip-art picture of Jesus
- Tape