

LivingCharacters

Lubbock Christian University Center for Character Development

Zechariah

Background information

In the beginning the world was created. Adam and Eve sinned and the world was not the same. Later **a promise was given to Abraham. The promise was that the world would be blessed by one that would come from his family.** Abraham's family became the nation of Israel. The Israelites became bad and the nation of Israel was destroyed. But, not all the people were destroyed... **because a promise had been given.**

Now, after thousands of years, it was time to keep the promise.

Who was the priest in this story?

Who was his wife?

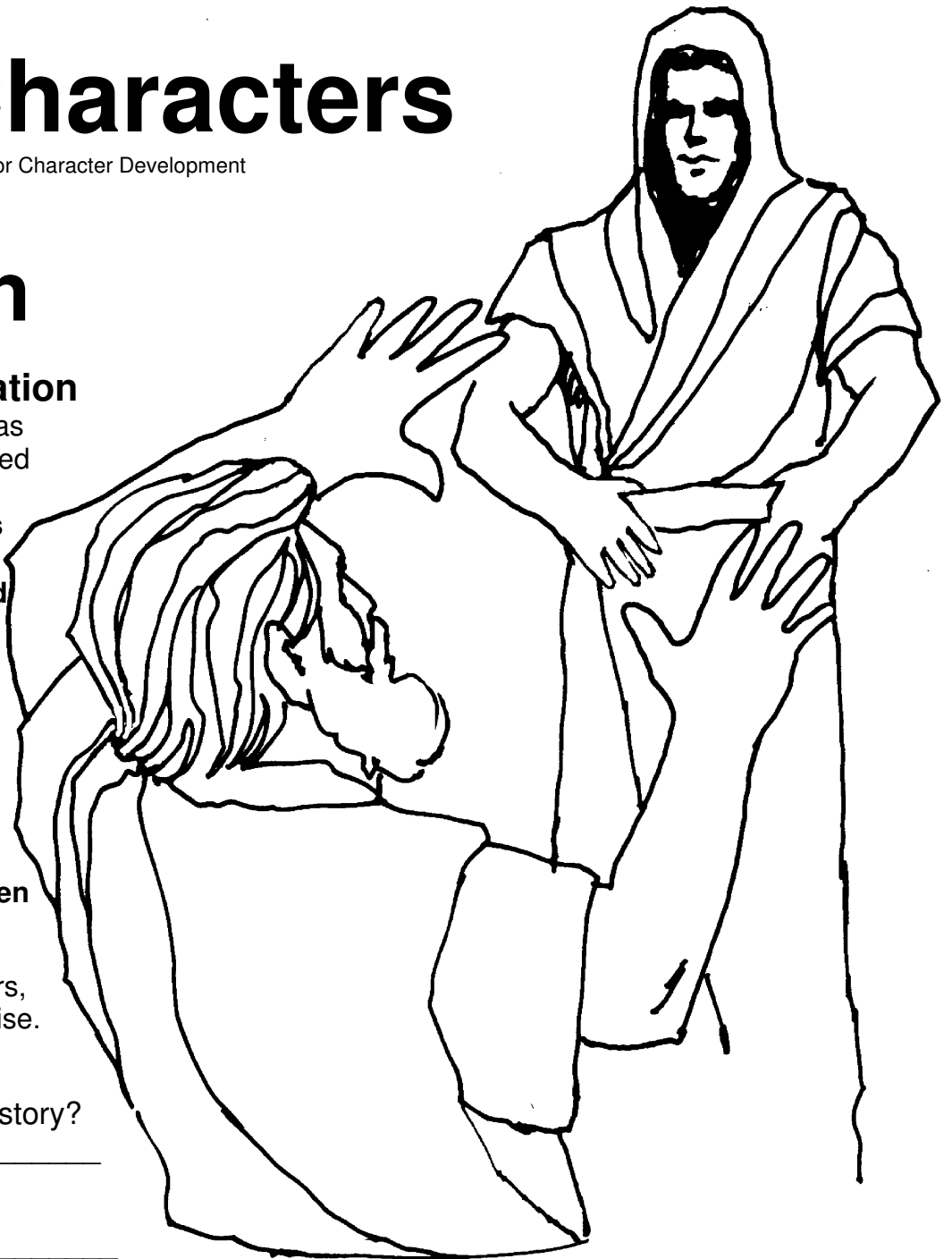
Who appeared to Zechariah when he went into the temple to do his duty? _____

What was the special message given to Zechariah?

What happened to Zechariah? It lasted until the baby was born.

What did the people want to name the baby?

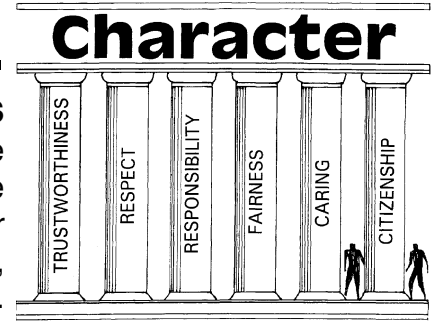
Why did Zechariah name the baby John? _____



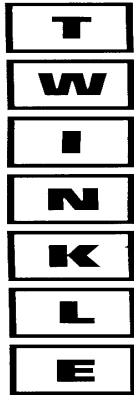
Six Pillars of... Character

Understanding Values and Virtues

In the beginning, God created everything. But He did not leave His new creation without principles to live by. People have the choice to have good character or ignore the good character principles. We can study real people to find out how they used, or ignored the Character Words.



The **Ethical Process** in finding solutions to any problem.



Think

Weigh all the parts which make up the problem. Separating the symptoms from the causes.

Investigate the perception of the ethical dilemma. Is it based on selfishness, self-interest, self-protection or self-righteousness? (The four natural enemies to ethics.)

Now, is right or wrong involved? How do we determine which is involved?

Know your ethical vocabulary (six pillars). Review and reflect on their supporting words.

Look for the higher ethic or standard.

Evaluate the outcome. Is it truly a good character decision?

History tells us that the Jews believed it was not good if a woman could not have children. Elizabeth was barren, which means she could not have children. When the angel told Zechariah that he was going to be a father, it was a big surprise.

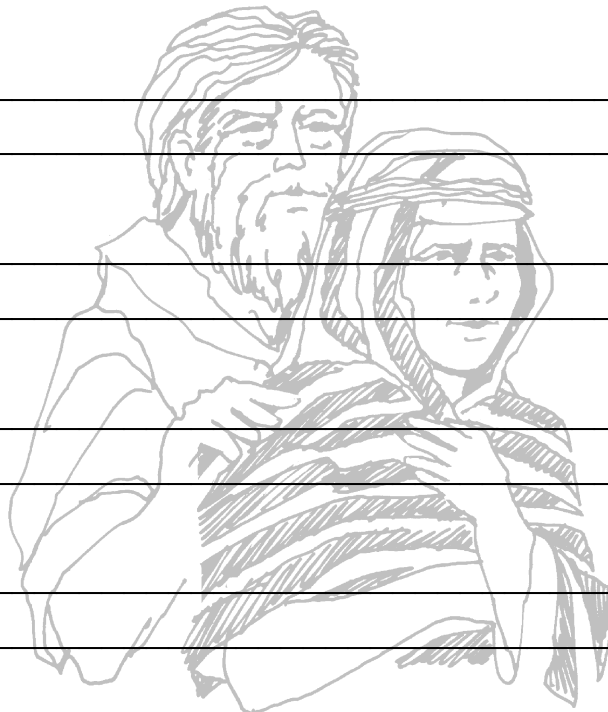
How did Zechariah demonstrate good character in this unusual circumstance?

Trustworthiness

Respect

Responsibility

Fairness



Caring

Citizenship

What difficulties did Zechariah have to overcome to show he was a man of character?

What did he have to believe? Why was it difficult to believe?

What handicap did he have to overcome?

Zachariah said thank you to God. Why is it important to say thank you? What character words does it show?

What is an unusual circumstance that has made me make difficult character choices.

How did I use the character words?
