

Christmas is celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift.

Read Luke 1:30-31

DAY

1

Cool, Crazy, Anything!

God can do anything! Think of the coolest things you have seen so far in your life. It might be a whale shark, a shooting star, or even an Axolotl (so cute, look it up!). Grab some art supplies and draw a picture or recreate the coolest God creation you have ever seen!

Thank God for being able to create anything.

DAY

3

Party Props

Grab paper, scissors, and something to write with. On your paper draw a balloon shape that is large enough to write in. Cut out the balloon and write this week's verse inside of the shape. We can celebrate Jesus' coming to earth!

Listen to stories about Jesus this season.

DAY

2

Celebrate!

Celebrate the fact that God can do anything! He can give you super cool dance moves, the ability to draw amazing pictures, or the voice of an angel. Whatever special gift God has given you, dance around and celebrate it! Shout out the amazing things that make you special and jump and cheer about it!

Look for ways to celebrate God in your life!

DAY

4

You Can Do Anything

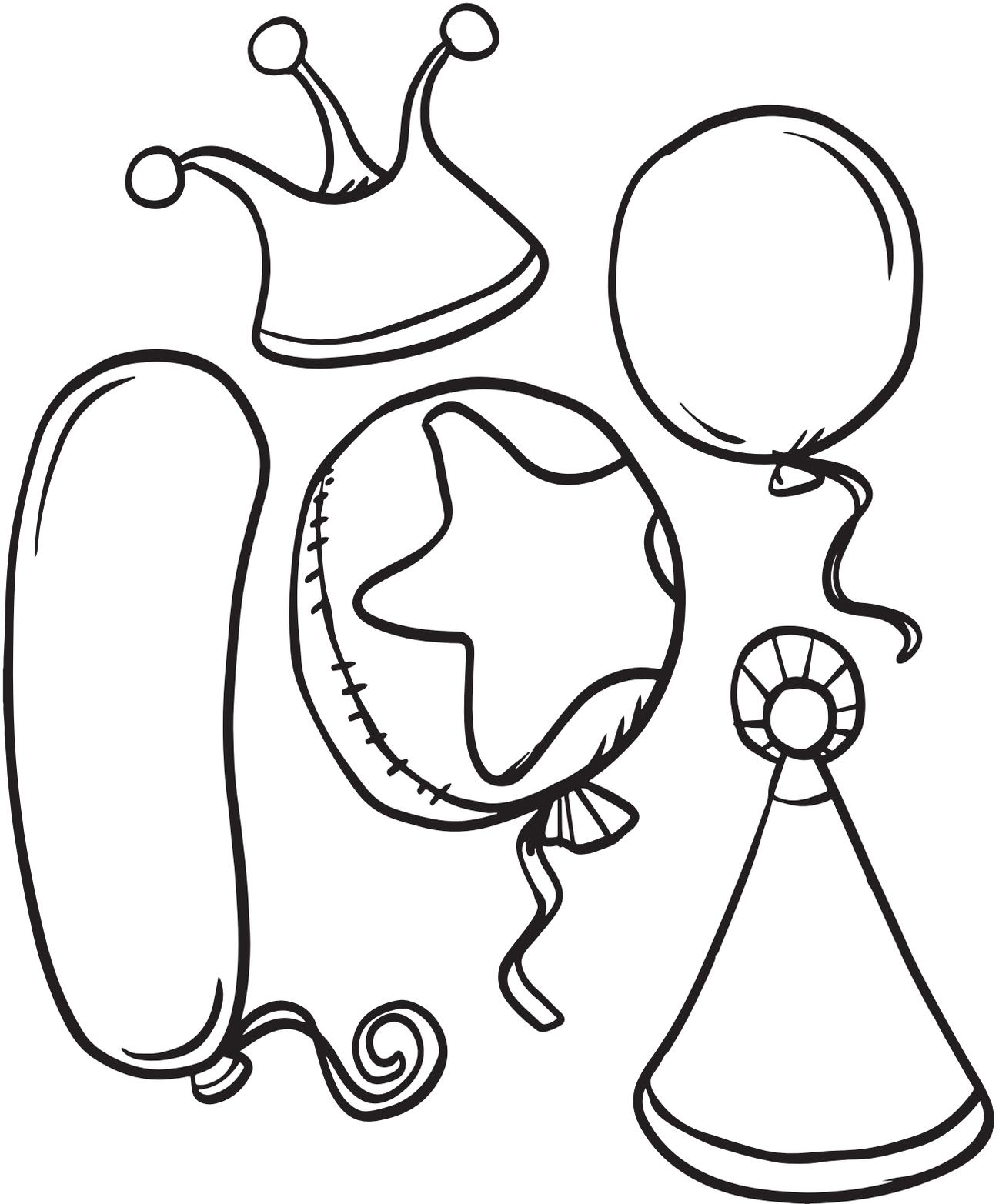
Talk to God and thank Him for allowing Jesus to come to earth and for doing amazing things.

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"Dear God, thank You so much for sending Jesus here to earth. Thank You for all of the amazing things You have created and do so we can see how creative You are! We love You, amen."  
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Know that God can do anything!

**Celebrate because
God can do anything.**

Write something you can celebrate next to,
or inside, each party decoration!



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DAY 1

Read Luke 1:13-15

The most wonderful time of the year is almost here. Christmas is all about celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift.

But before we talk about Jesus' birth, let's talk about another important baby's arrival! You see, there was an older couple named Zechariah and Elizabeth who didn't have children. Zechariah was a priest who loved and served God. One day, when it was his turn to serve in the temple, an angel appeared to Zechariah with a very special message.

What did the angel Gabriel tell Zechariah?

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What do you think Zechariah did when he heard this news?

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Zechariah couldn't believe it. But if there's one thing we know about God, it's that He can do the impossible! And that's one big reason to celebrate!

Is there something you need help with? If God can do anything, couldn't He help you? Stop and pray right now. Tell God about what's going on, thank Him for listening and trust that He can do anything!

DAY 2

Read Luke 1:18-20

When the angel Gabriel appeared to Zechariah in the temple, he was scared. He was confused. And he doubted that this could actually happen.

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What did the angel say would happen because of Zechariah's unbelief?

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Zechariah would not be able to speak until after his son John was born. A typical pregnancy lasts nine months. That means that Zechariah would be unable to speak for a long time. Zechariah would have to find other ways to communicate with the people around him.

Could you do what Zechariah had to do? **The next time you sit down to dinner with your family, see if you can make it through the entire meal without speaking.** Even if someone asks you why you're not speaking, see if you can stay silent until dinner is done.

After the meal is over, tell your family about this little challenge and about Zechariah. Thank God for the ability to speak and to celebrate because God can do anything!

DAY 3

Read Luke 1:23-25

Elizabeth became pregnant, just as the angel had said. But did you catch how she responded? Look again at verse 25. Who did Elizabeth thank? Who did she say had been kind to her?

Yes. God! Elizabeth knew that only God could do this! She chose to celebrate because God can do anything.

When something awesome happens, what do you do?

Do you tell someone? Do you take all the credit for the good thing that's happened?

It might seem a little strange at first. But it's important to remember that God is the source of every good thing. Even the things you think you've accomplished on your own – like getting a good grade or making the winning shot. Ultimately, God is the one who gave you that brain and all that ability. Just like Elizabeth, we can stop and say 'Thanks, God' and celebrate because He can do anything!

So what's been happening lately that's worth celebrating? Make a list and then pray, thanking God for all He's done for you.

DAY 4

Read Luke 1:64-66

Finally, the time came for John to be born. After months of silence, Zechariah was finally able to speak! What was the first thing he did?

Unscramble the words below to answer:

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The Bible tells us that right away, Zechariah praised God. He said, "Thank you, God!" He took time to celebrate knowing God could do anything.

After years of waiting and praying for a baby of their own, God had given them John. And this baby would grow up to prepare the way for Jesus. John would become Jesus' biggest cheerleader, his biggest champion. John would be the one to say, "Don't look at me, look at Jesus! He's the Savior you've been looking for."

You could do what Zechariah did! What if first thing in the morning, before your feet even touch the floor, you stopped and praised God?

**Celebrate because
God can do anything.**

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.



A series of horizontal dotted lines for journaling.



Day 1

After watching, write one thing that:

Go to cornwallchurch.com/children to watch this week's episode of Explorers League!

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

1. You liked:

2. You learned:

3. You'd like to know:

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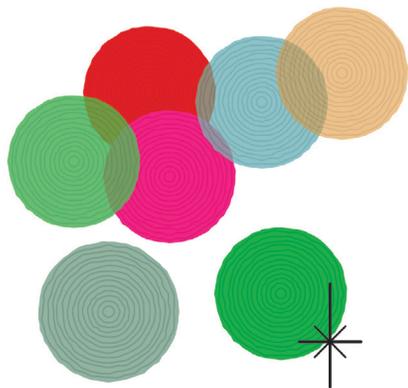
Day 2

Read Luke 1:5-25; 57-66

As you read through Luke 1:5-25; 57-66, check off any of the unlikely events in the list below that God makes possible.

- Elizabeth, who is very old, becomes pregnant.
- An angel renders Zechariah truly speechless.
- Zechariah is chosen among the hundreds of priests to go inside the Holy place.
- After naming the baby, Zechariah is able to speak again.
- Elizabeth and Zechariah, without talking, decide to name the baby John.
- An angel appears to Zechariah.
- Elizabeth delivers a healthy baby boy.

How many did you check off? All of them? God really can do anything, can't He? What a reason to celebrate!



Day 3

There are a lot of ways to celebrate what God has done, including praying!

You may think of praying as a time when you ask God for help—and that's certainly a great thing to talk to God about. But prayer is also a time we can thank God and praise Him for the wonderful things He has done—we can celebrate because God can do anything.

Think about the unique way you were made in God's image, and then pray this prayer to thank Him:

Dear God, You can do anything! I want to celebrate all the things You have done in my life and the lives of others. I remember when and You That was amazing! And how cool was it when You I am thankful for these and so many other things You have done that are worthy of celebrating, and I can't wait to keep celebrating all month long that Jesus was born! In His Name, I pray.

Amen.

Day 4

Celebrating what God has done is something we can do alone, and we can also do it in community, recognizing what God has done and can do in the lives of everyone around us.

But before we can celebrate, we need to know what God has been up to! So take a few minutes today to interview at least five people you know—friends, family, teachers, peers—and ask them to share at least one thing that God has done in their lives that is worthy of celebrating.

Write down what you learn and save it for tomorrow!

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Day 5

What are some things you celebrate?

First, grab some blank paper, a ruler, scissors, a hole punch (if you have one), a piece of string or wire (even dental floss will work!), and a pen.

Next, measure and cut five strips in the following sizes:

- 1.25" x 10" (2)
- 1.25" x 7" (2)
- 1.25" x 5" (1)

On each strip, using your best handwriting, write a short description of each of the four things you learned that others have to celebrate. On the last strip, write one thing that God has done in your life worthy of celebrating (look back at your prayer from Day 2 if you need inspiration).

Then, punch a hole 1/4" from the top and bottom of each strip (if you don't have a hole punch, carefully use the scissors or pen to poke a hole in each one). Stack the papers together with the smallest in the middle sandwiched by the medium strips, followed by the largest strips. Line up all of the strips on one end, and thread a piece of string or wire through the holes and tie it off. Repeat this step on the other end of the strips, which you can then fan out.

Then hang the ornament up on your tree or in your room somewhere you will see it often and remember to celebrate because God can do anything.

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