

A script from



“His Name is John!”

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- What** Elizabeth and Zacharias, the parents of John the Baptist, speak of their joy, and of giving back to God what He has given to them.
Themes: Drama, Christmas, Elizabeth, Zacharias, John the Baptist, Trusting God, Surrender to God’s will, Humility
- Who** Elizabeth – 40+, gracious, forgiving, witty
Zacharias – 50+, passionate, humble but outspoken
- When** Bible Times
- Wear (Props)** Simple Bible costumes. No props required.
- Why** Luke 1:5-25, 57-80; Malachi 4:5; James 4:10
- How** The actors playing Elizabeth and Zacharias should have some rapport. They've been married for a long time and older married couples act a certain way. They're at the stage in their lives where they finish each other's sentences. Keep the energy up and the pacing steady.
- Time** Approximately 3-5 minutes

Elizabeth and Zacharias have just returned from having their baby, John, dedicated at the Temple in Jerusalem. Elizabeth greets the audience as though they were hometown visitors crowding into her house.

Elizabeth: Come in, come in! It is so good to be back home in Hebron, dear friends! And you've brought so much food—thank you! Put it by the hearth. I have been so touched by your kindness and prayers during the years of barrenness, and now—

Zacharias: Though, in truth, not *all* prayed for her during those years. Some whispered, "In the law of Moses it says that those who are *faithful* will never be without child." Yet a godlier woman never walked in Israel than my Elizabeth!

Elizabeth: (*Embarrassed*) As you can hear, the rumors are true—Zacharias has regained his voice! (*To Zacharias*) God is gracious.

Zacharias: The same grace that took it from me, that His purposes might be revealed.

Elizabeth: Zacharias, how can they understand unless you tell them how you lost your voice?

Zacharias: Yes, yes, you're right, Elizabeth. I was in the Temple for I had been chosen by lot to burn incense before the Lord, when a glorious man appeared before me. He said he was Gabriel, the same angel who appeared to the prophet Daniel 400 years ago! I fell to my knees in fear, but he said, "Do not be afraid. Your prayers have been heard."

Elizabeth: After 30 years of prayer! So, you see, Leah, Naomi, keep praying. Don't give up!

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ENDING:

Elizabeth: So when we went to the temple to dedicate our baby, I told them, "His name is John." But the high priest said, "No, the first son should be named after his father." They gave Zacharias a tablet, and he wrote, "His name is John." Everyone was astonished.

Zacharias: Suddenly my tongue was freed and I shouted, "John, John!"

Elizabeth: *The mercy of God.* And then he prophesied—my husband prophesied—of all that John will do to prepare the way for Messiah. I still can hardly take it in. Yet there he lies...

"His Name is John!"

Zacharias: Our son, God's gift to us...

Elizabeth: Our gift to God.

Lights fade. They exit.