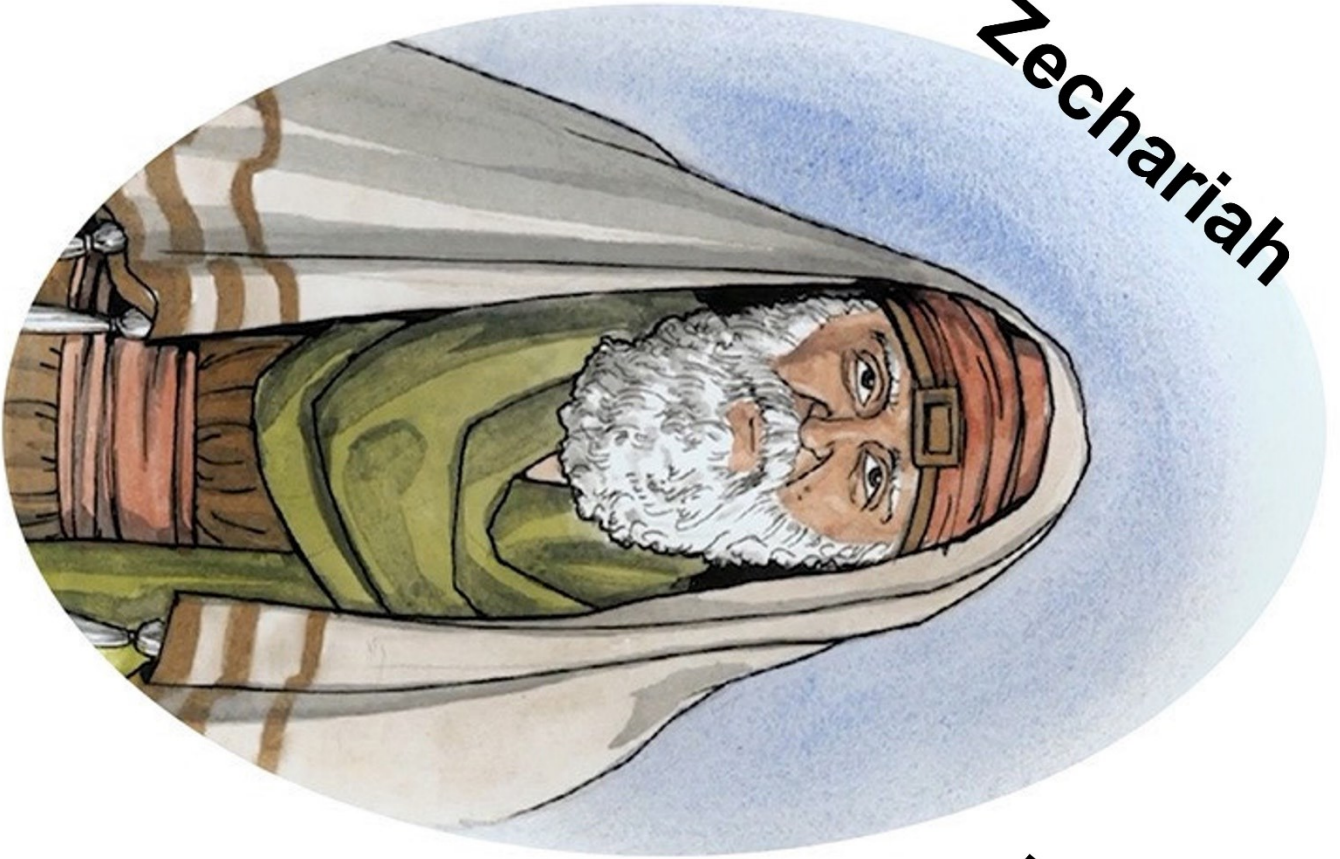


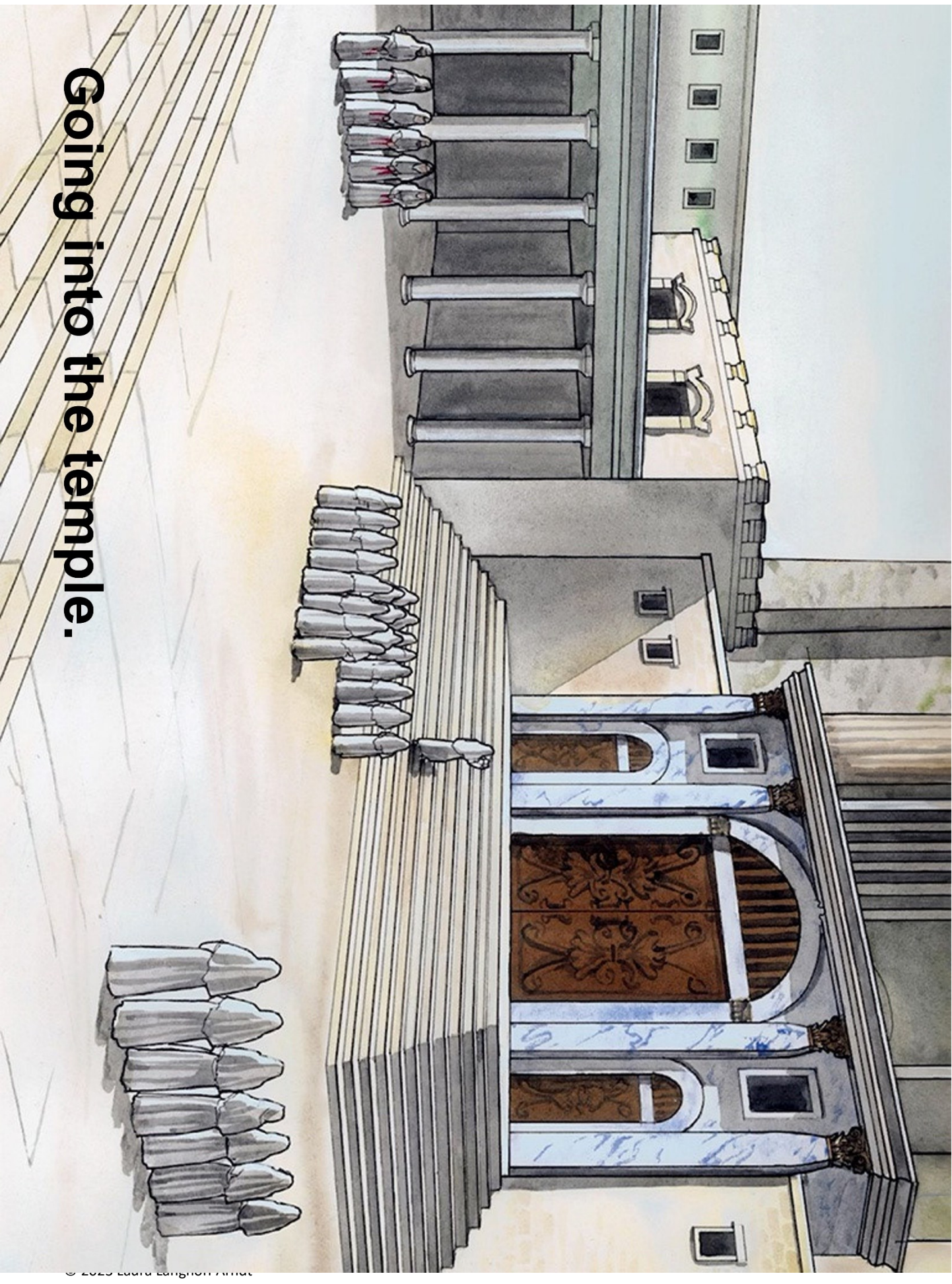
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Before Jesus was Born		
Readings	1) Micah 5:2-5a 2) Hebrews 10:5-10 3) Luke 1:39-45, 46-56	
Scripture Focus	Luke 1:39-45	
Take Away		
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	Illustrations from Free Bible Images https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/gnpi-002-zechariah/	
Message Good morning! Today I have a really good story to tell you. It's about a man named Zechariah and his wife, Elizabeth, who was in Mary's family. They were old, very old. They were older than your grandparents and when women get old, they can't have babies anymore. So, this story is about a miracle. Zechariah was a Priest. That meant that he was one of the only people who could go into a special room in the temple to make a sacrifice. One day, while he was in there, an angel appeared to him. He was surprised and afraid because he had never seen an angel before. The angel said, "Don't be afraid, God has heard your prayer for a child and I'm here to tell you that Elizabeth will have a son and they should name him John." The angel told them John would be very special and he said some other things too. Zechariah wasn't sure about this because he and Elizabeth were so old. He said, "How can this be? I am an old man and my wife is old too!" [What was Zechariah forgetting? God can do anything.] The angel reminded Zechariah who he was. He said, "I am the angel, Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God and I was sent to bring you this good news. Because you didn't believe this, you will not be able to speak to anyone until the baby is born. Sure enough, it wasn't long before Elizabeth realized she was going to have a baby. When Gabriel visited Mary and told her she was going to have a baby who would be the Son of God, he told her to go a visit Elizabeth. Both of them were having miracle babies. When Mary got to Zechariah and Elizabeth's house, Mary said hello, and the minute Mary spoke, the baby in Elizabeth leaped for joy and she was filled with the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth was so surprised that she excitedly said, "Mary, blessed are you above all women, and blessed is the baby you carry!" Then she asked her, "Why are you, the mother of my Lord, coming to visit me?" Then she told her how the baby leaped for joy inside her. Both of these women were blessed because they believed what God told them would happen. Let's pray.		
Repeat Prayer	Dear God, Only you can give us babies. Only you / love us enough to / send your Son / into the world / to save us. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen.	

Zechariah



Elizabeth





Going into the temple.

