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Topic: The birth of John
Cloze Passage

Instructions

Use the word bank to help fill in the blanks with the appropriate word/s. Each blank space is worth 1 point.

days	John	speak	family	Magnificat	months
	circumcised	relative	believe	Benedictus	boy
years	son	Joseph	Zechariah	praise	named
	Jesus				

After Mary had been with Elizabeth three months, Elizabeth gave birth to a baby _____.

When the baby was eight _____ old, he was _____ and _____.

The relatives and neighbors wanted to name the baby _____, after his father but Elizabeth spoke up, "No! He is to be called _____. "They didn't believe Zechariah would name the child after someone who was not in the _____, so they asked Zechariah.

When he wrote that the baby's name would be John, he was able to _____ again. He began to _____ God, in a song called the _____.