RELIGIOUS STUDIES
WEEK 5
THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST
GRADE 7
"The Gateway to a Better Life Assignment"

NAME: _____ **GRADE:** _____

TEACHER: _____ **DATE:** _____

ACTIVITY 1

CLOZE PASSAGE: Using the word bank, fill in the blank spaces using the appropriate word/s. (1 point each).

WORD BANK

Son	relatives	custom	circumcise	eighth
Zechariah	John	signs	tablet	praise
Holy Spirit	Abraham	Messiah	prepare	strong

After Mary had been with Elizabeth three months, Elizabeth gave birth to a son. All of her neighbors and _____ rejoiced for Elizabeth and her baby son. The custom in Israel was to _____ and names the child on the _____ day, and many people gathered with them to celebrate. They all thought the child should be named _____, after his father, but Elizabeth spoke up, "No! He is to be called John." The people were surprised. They said that none of her relatives had that name. So they made _____ to Zechariah to find out what he would like to name the child. He motioned for a _____ to write on, and wrote, "His name is John." Suddenly, after months of being unable to speak, Zechariah spoke! He began to _____ God, and the people were amazed. All the people wondered what John would be because of all the unusual circumstances surrounding his birth. Zechariah was filled with the _____, and prophesied, "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people." He spoke of the salvation promised long ago to Abraham and David, the coming Messiah and how John would be the one to "go on before the Lord to _____ the way for him." The little boy grew, became _____ in spirit and went into the desert until it was time for him to make his announcement about the Messiah to all Israel.