

Chapter 1 (67 - 80)

When John was named, his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and said "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel. He has visited his people. And you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of the Most High. You will go before the Lord to prepare a way for him"

When John grew older, he lived in the wilderness until the time came for him to begin his ministry.
**Jesus, please help me prepare your way,
by helping people to know you**

Chapter 2 (1 - 8)

The Emperor of Rome ordered that a census be taken of the whole Empire. Every man had to go to his home town to be registered. So Joseph set out from Nazareth in Galilee and traveled to Galilee, to the town of David called Bethlehem, with his pregnant wife Mary

While they were in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary to have her child. She gave birth to a son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a feeding box for animals, because there was no room for them at the local inn.

**Baby Jesus, born in Bethlehem,
please bless all babies born in the world today**