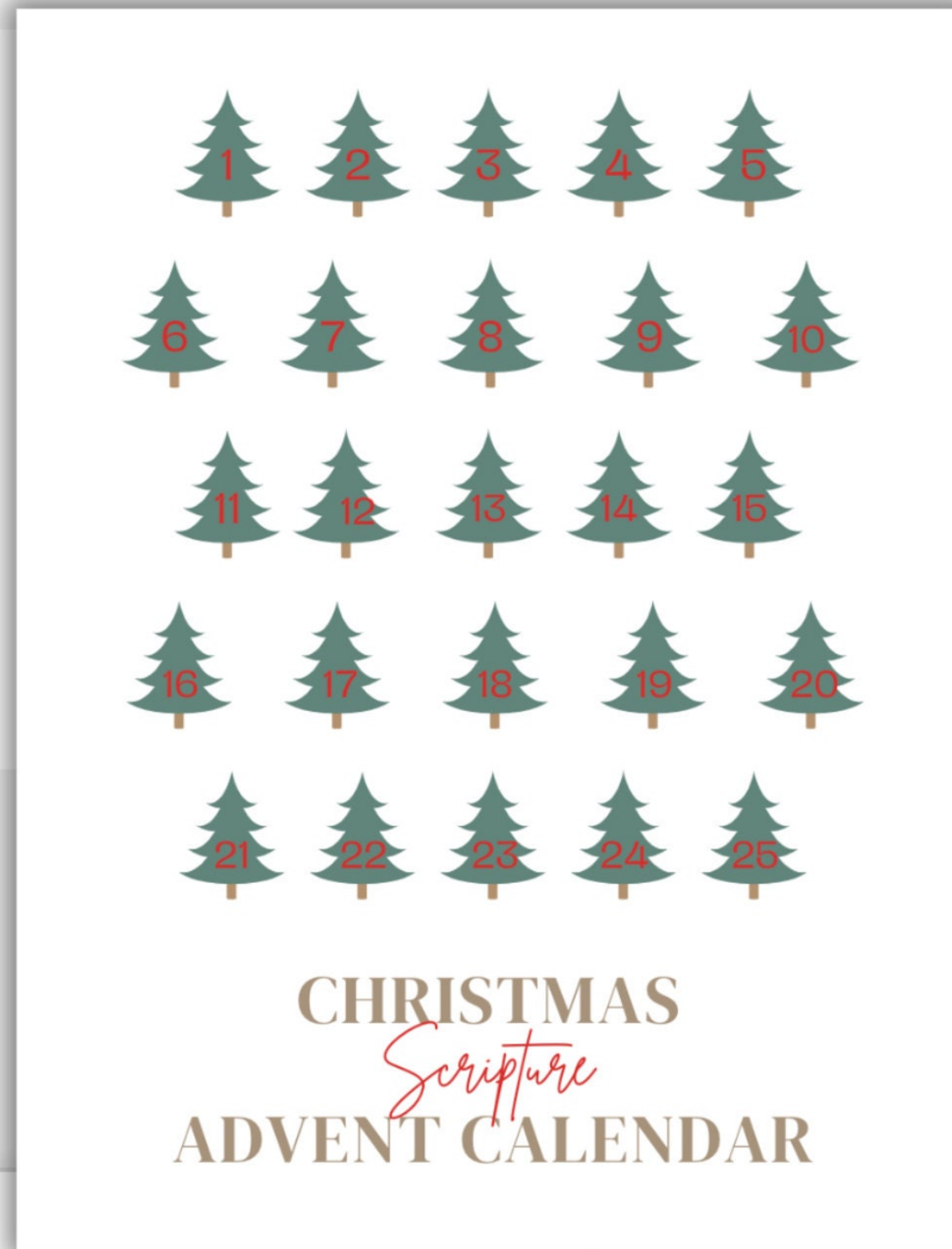


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What did Elisabeth and Zacharias name their baby? Why? Why did others question their name choice? (They thought he would be named after his father.) Have you ever done something that others thought was strange because you were following God? When and why? How did you stay strong in your belief?

★ *December 2nd*
Luke 1:31-33
In Hebrew, Jesus means "God Saves."
Why is that name appropriate for Jesus? How has he saved you? How do you think Mary felt when she was told she would be the mother of Jesus? How would it change you if you thought Jesus would be coming to your family?

★ *December 4th*
Matthew 1:18-25
Would it have been hard to be in Joseph's position? What were some of the qualities Joseph exhibited that made him a wonderful choice for the earthly father of Jesus? Which of these qualities could you add to your life in more abundance?

★ *December 6th*
Luke 1:39-44
Why do you think Elisabeth's baby leapt in her womb? How did Elisabeth know Mary was carrying the baby Jesus? How can you know about spiritual things you have not seen? Have you had an experience where faith has given you a testimony of something that seemed difficult to understand?

★ *December 8th*
Luke 2:1-5
Why did Mary and Joseph have to leave on a journey? It was over 90 miles to Bethlehem, in cold weather. Mary was nine months pregnant on the back of a donkey. Why couldn't God have made it easier for them? What is the most difficult thing you have had to go through? Did you ever want God to make it easier for you? What did you learn from your experience? How has it changed or strengthened you?