

Compare and contrast three births

Purpose: To compare and contrast the births of special children

Why use this? Compare and contrast is used to help students distinguish between types of ideas, classify or group like ideas. Marzano, Pickering, and Pollock found that strategies that engage students in comparative thinking had the greatest effect on student achievement, (average gain of 45%) and asking students to identify similarities and differences through comparative analysis leads to improved comprehension by highlighting important details, making abstract ideas more concrete, and reducing the confusion between related concepts. It strengthens students' writing skills by providing a simple structure that helps organize information, develop their ideas with greater accuracy, clarity and precision and increases the ability to think flexibly; think about thinking (metacognition); apply past knowledge to new situations

Read the following scriptures about special births and fill in the chart (graphic organizer)

Samson	Judges 13
John	Luke 1:5-25, 66
Jesus	Luke 1: 26-38
Jesus	Matthew 1:18-25

Parents	Manoah	Manoah's wife	Zechariah	Mary	Joseph
Who spoke to the parent?					
Barren wife?					
Reaction to angel (belief or unbelief)					
Reaction to angel (fear or not)					
Given a name for child?					
Prediction about child					
Purpose of child					
Holy Spirit involvement					
Special instructions					
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Summarize how the incidents are different and how they are similar.

Answers

Parents	Manoah	Wife	Zechariah	Mary	Joseph
Who spoke to the parent?	Angel	Angel	Angel	Angel	Angel
What was unusual about the mother?	Barren	Barren	Barren	Virgin	Unmarried
Reaction to angel (belief or unbelief)	Unsure	Believed	"How can I know this for I am an old man, and my wife is well along in years?"	Troubled but believed; "I am the Lord's slave. May it be done to me according to your word."	Obedient
Reaction to angel (fear or not)	"We're going to die because we have seen God!"	"If the Lord had intended to kill us, He wouldn't have accepted the offerings from us, and He would not have shown us all these things or spoken to us now like this."	Startled and overcome by fear	"Do not be afraid, Mary"	No
Given a name for child?	No	No	John	Jesus	Jesus
Prediction about child	The boy will be a Nazirite to God from birth until the day of his death	The boy will be a Nazirite to God from birth until the day of his death	He will be great in the sight of the Lord.	He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.	He will save His people from their sins. The birth is according to prophesy
Purpose of child	Save Israel from the power of the Philistines	Save Israel from the power of the Philistines	He will turn many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God. He will go before Him, make people ready for the Lord	He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.	Save people from sin

Holy Spirit involvement	Directed him when he was older	Directed him when he was older	Filled by	Conceived by	conceived in her is by the Holy Spirit.
Special instructions	Mother not eat beer, wine, unclean; save Israel from the power of don't cut his hair	Mother not eat beer, wine, unclean; save Israel from the power of don't cut his hair	never drink wine or beer	No	Don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife
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Summary of similarities: Angel delivered the message about a special son to be born; Holy Spirit involved