

COUPLES AND CHILDREN / *Luke 1:6-7*

Zechariah and Elizabeth were by no means alone in their strong desire to have children, as well as in their inability to do so. The Bible records the stories of other couples who desperately wanted to be parents. Some remained faithful to God through the pain (as did Elizabeth), others used other methods to obtain children—methods that led only to sorrow (as did Sarah).

Abraham and Sarah	Genesis 11:30; 15:1–17:27; 21:1-7
Isaac and Rebekah	Genesis 25:21-24
Jacob and Rachel	Genesis 29:31–30:20; 35:1-20
Manoah and his wife	Judges 13:1-25
Elkanah and Hannah	1 Samuel 1:1-20