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THE WRONG KIND OF ATTENTION

The wastewater treatment plant in the city of Driggs, ID, has for years failed to come into compliance with federal pollution statutes. The city has been working to eliminate the problem and build a new plant, but the federal government filed a lawsuit in October to pressure the city to come into compliance. However, some in the media have misrepresented the seriousness of the problem, painting the city as negligent and irresponsible. "It is challenging to know the facts surrounding our [plant]," said Mayor August Christensen, "and see how some media outlets spun the story. I am hearing how much it is affecting our community." Despite the large amount of negative media attention, Christensen hopes people will support the city's efforts to correct the problem.

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After failing to believe the angel's words about a son, Zechariah was rendered mute until the boy was born. At John's birth, however, news began to go out that God had been merciful to Elizabeth by giving her a son, even in her old age. But when Zechariah indicated, by writing a message on a tablet, that the boy's name was to be what the angel had proclaimed, his muteness vanished, and he began praising God and prophesying. Then everyone in the whole region turned their attention to the great things God was doing for Israel.

1. When has someone gotten the wrong idea about you, and what did you do?
2. Why do you think the media sometimes misrepresents true events?
3. What's something God did that you just had to tell someone about?

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