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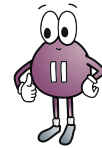
B.E.S.
& Friends



B.E.S.
A wise guide



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Bravely asks questions



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Likes to stop and think



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An encouraging friend

STORY 1: Zechariah & Elizabeth

This story is about God answering prayer.

Adult Guidance - Talk to the children about prayer. The Bible says that God hears and answers our prayers, although sometimes we have to wait for answers. Talk sensitively about what it would be like to not be able to speak. Try using some simple sign language to communicate and see if the children understand.

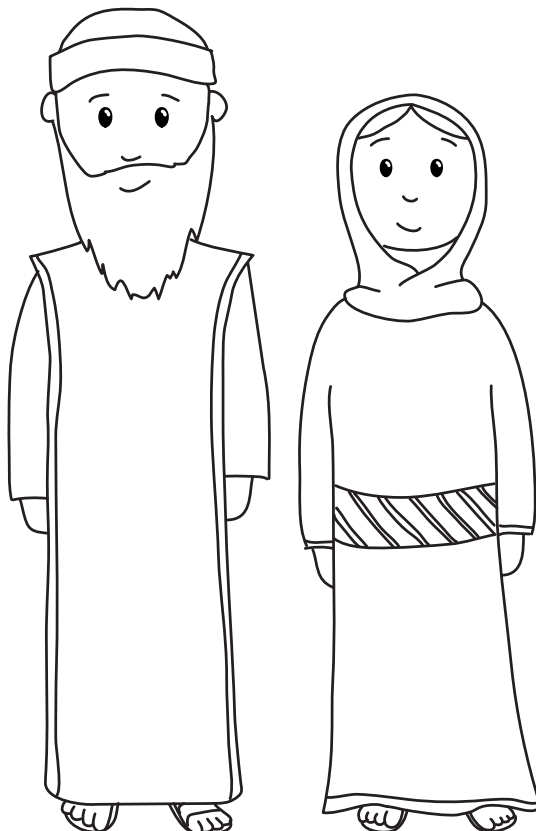


READ:
Luke 1: 5-25

Zechariah was married to Elizabeth. They wanted to have a baby. They prayed to God about it.

As they grew older they wondered if their prayer would be answered.

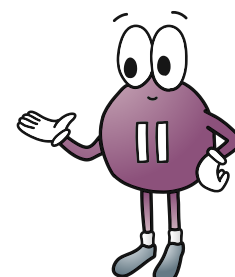
One day an angel told Zechariah that God would give them a son who was to be called John.



Zechariah did not believe the angel, so God stopped him from being able to speak.

The Bible teaches that when we pray we should believe that God will always answer.

Colour the picture of Zechariah and Elizabeth.



STORY 2: Mary & Gabriel

This story is about Mary believing what God said.

Adult Guidance - Talk to the children about things that are impossible for people to do, e.g. fly, disappear, etc. The Bible says that God is powerful and He can do things that people can't do, e.g. send rain, or make day and night. In today's story Mary believes in God's power.

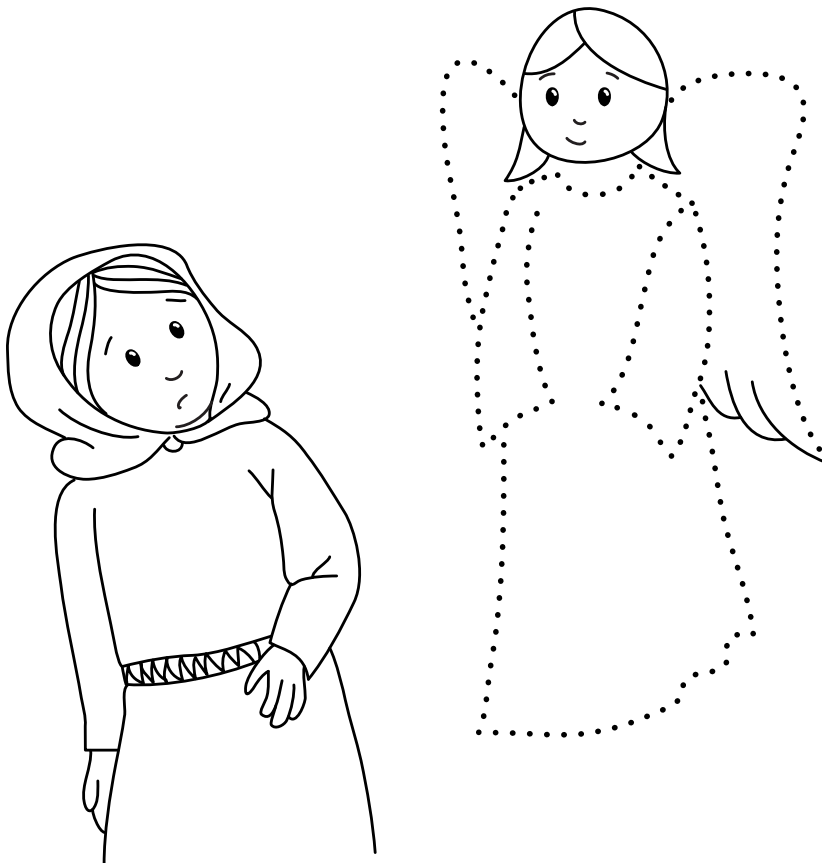


READ:
Luke 1: 26-38

Mary had a visit from an angel. The angel was called Gabriel.

Gabriel told Mary that she was going to have a very special baby. This baby was to be called Jesus. He is God's Son.

Join dots to draw the angel Gabriel speaking to Mary.



Do you believe
that God can do
great things?

Mary wondered how this would be possible.

The angel told her that God can do things that people think are impossible. Mary believed all that the angel had said.

STORY 3: The birth of John

This story is about God keeping His promises.

Adult Guidance - Explain that a promise is something that we plan to do, or make happen, in the future. When it happens we say that the promise has been kept. Give an example of a promise made and kept that is appropriate for this age group. Explain that God kept His promise to Zechariah and Elizabeth. The Bible teaches that God never breaks His promises.



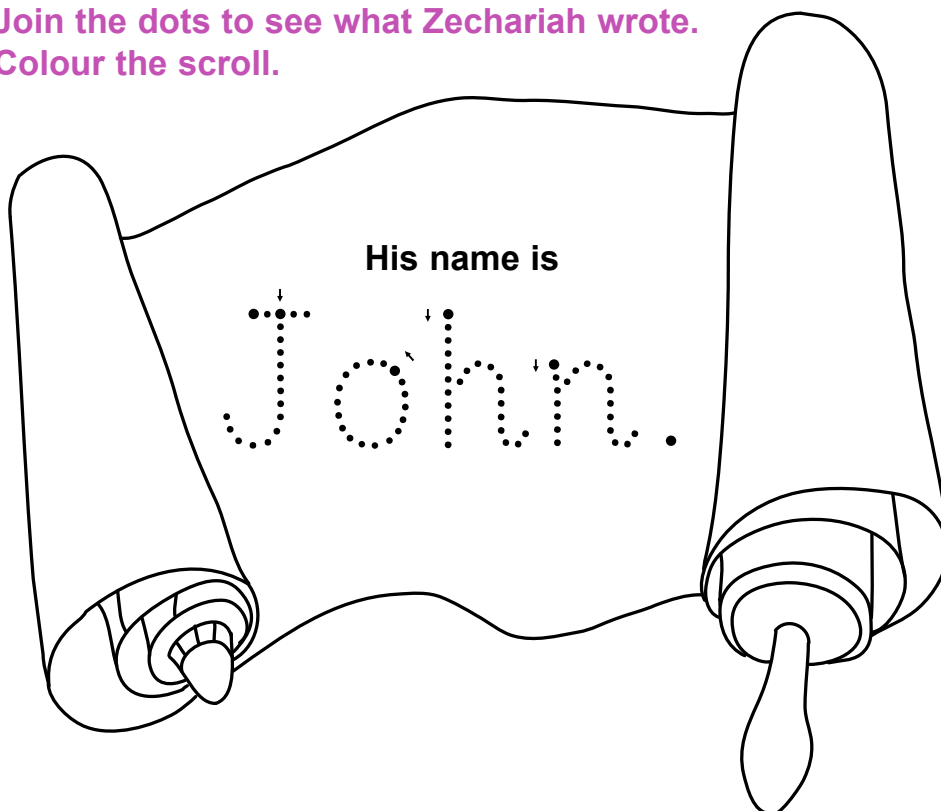
READ:
Luke 1: 57-66

An angel had told Zechariah and Elizabeth that they would have a son. God kept the promise and the baby boy was born.

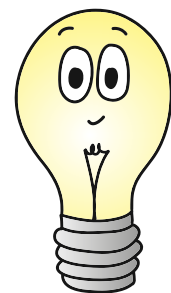
Their friends and family wondered what the baby would be called.

Zechariah still could not speak because he had not believed the angel. He wrote down that the boy would be called John, just as the angel had told him.

**Join the dots to see what Zechariah wrote.
Colour the scroll.**



Zechariah was so thankful to God for keeping His promise. Can you think of something to thank God for?



As soon as Zechariah wrote this, he was able to speak again and praise God.

The baby John grew up to be a great man who made things ready for the coming of Jesus.

STORY 4: The birth of Jesus

This story is about Jesus, God's Son, the Saviour of the world.

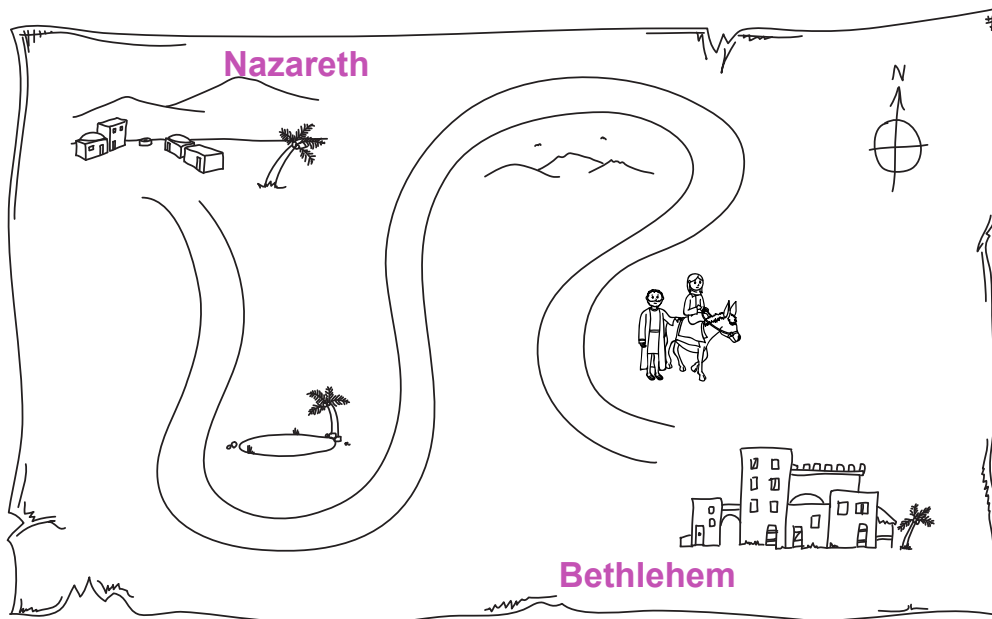


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Luke 2: 1-7

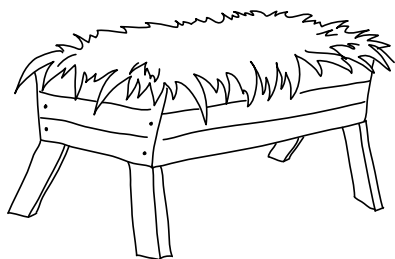
Adult Guidance - Help the children to understand that the circumstances surrounding Jesus' birth were very different to theirs, but that He was the most special baby ever born. Explain why Mary and Joseph had to make a journey to Bethlehem using the map below. Explain what an inn is by using the equivalent term in your culture. Explain using the picture below that Mary laid Jesus in a manger, which was used to feed animals.

Mary and Joseph travelled on a long journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

Draw a line along the path to show the journey Mary and Joseph took.



Bethlehem was very busy and soon the inns were full. They had to sleep in a place where the animals were kept. This is where baby Jesus was born.



Jesus was a very special baby. The Bible tells us that He was the Son of God, born to be our Saviour.

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