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A wise guide



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Bravely asks questions



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Likes to stop and think



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STORY 1: Zechariah and Elizabeth

God answers prayer



READ:
Luke 1: 5-25



KEY VERSE:
Luke 1: 13
Ask someone to help you find this verse.

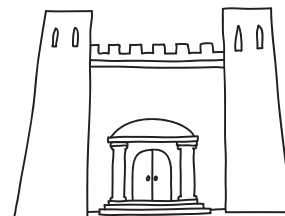
Zechariah and his wife Elizabeth were very sad. They very much wanted a child. They had prayed and asked God for a baby for such a long time. Now they were old and it seemed impossible for Elizabeth to have a baby.

One day it was Zechariah's turn to work in the Temple.

Q: Write the name of the man, the lady and the place where he was working, underneath the pictures.







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Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared. This made Zechariah very afraid. The angel said, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John."

Q: Fill in the missing words to show what the angel said.

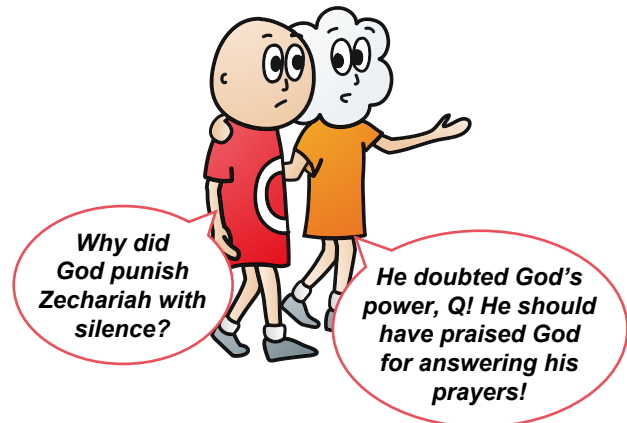
Your w _____ ,
Elizabeth, will bear you a s _____ ,
and you are to call
him J _____ .

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The angel explained that the new baby would be very special. God would use him to make many people turn from their evil ways and trust in God.

Zechariah could not believe what he was hearing. He and his wife were too old to have a child. He told the angel this.

The angel Gabriel then told Zechariah that because he had not believed, he would be unable to speak until the baby was born.



Q: Put a tick (✓) or a cross (X) beside the following sentences to show if they are **RIGHT** or **WRONG**:

Zechariah said his wife was too old to have a baby.

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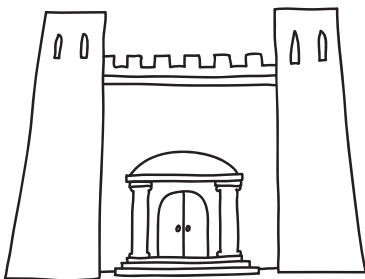
Zechariah believed the angel.

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Gabriel said Zechariah would be blind.

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When Zechariah came out of the Temple, he couldn't speak to the people. Everybody thought that he had seen a vision.

Soon Elizabeth was expecting a baby. The angel's words came true!



Q: The words of the angel to Zechariah were:

“Your prayer has been heard.”

Luke 1: 13 Colour the words.

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The Bible says that God always hears our prayers. He wants us to believe that He will answer them.

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STORY 2: Mary and Gabriel

Mary believes what God says



READ:
Luke 1: 26-38

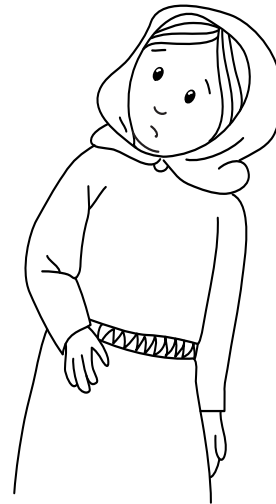


KEY VERSE:
Luke 1: 37
*Ask someone to help
you find this verse.*

It was an exciting time; Zechariah and Elizabeth were going to have a baby, and now the angel Gabriel had another announcement to make.

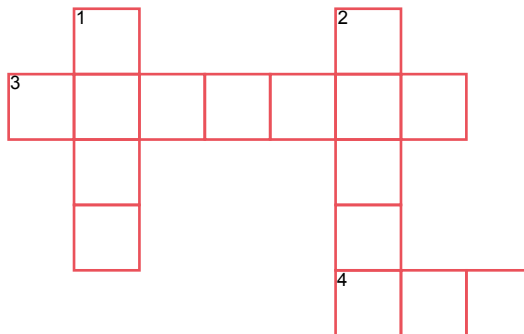
This time Elizabeth's cousin, Mary, had a visit from the same angel. Mary was not married, but the angel explained that she, too, would have a son.

He was to be given the name Jesus and He would be called the Son of God.



Q: Use the clues below to help you fill in the names on the Word Grid.

1. The name of Elizabeth's cousin.
2. The name for the new baby.
3. The name of the angel.
4. The baby would be called the S _ _ _ of God.



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Mary was puzzled by what Gabriel had told her. "How will this be," she asked, "since I am a virgin?"

Q: Decorate the letters

“How will
this be?”

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The angel explained that God the Holy Spirit, would come upon her. A miracle would take place and her child would be the Son of God.

Q: Join the dots and learn the Key Verse which helps us understand how this miracle took place.

“For nothing will
be impossible
with God.”

Luke 1: 37 (ESV)

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Mary believed all the angel said. How unlike Zechariah, who doubted the message of the angel!

Mary was willing to accept God’s plan, and become the mother of this very special baby.

Q: Put YES or NO after each sentence to show whether it is RIGHT or WRONG.

Mary doubted the angel.

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God the Holy Spirit would come upon her.

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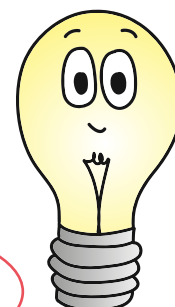
Mary was pleased to do God’s will.

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Mary was willing to accept God’s will for her life. No doubt many would not believe her story.

However, she trusted God fully. This is what the Bible encourages each one of us to do.



*Knowing that
God can do great things,
calms our fears!*

TOTAL:

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STORY 3: The birth of John

God keeps His promises



READ:
Luke 1: 57-80



KEY VERSE:
Luke 1: 76
*Ask someone to help
you find this verse.*

Eventually Elizabeth's baby was born. He was the son whom God had promised, through the angel Gabriel.

The family and neighbours came to congratulate them and everybody was happy.

When a baby boy was eight days old, it was usual to give him a name. Often the father's name was used for a son. Everybody wanted to call this new baby Zechariah, but Elizabeth said, "No!"

Q: Write down the first letter of each object to find out what name the baby's mother wished to give him.



Q: Draw the new baby in Zechariah's arms. Colour the picture.

Zechariah couldn't speak, but he could write. He wrote, "His name is John."

Q: Colour the correct ending to the sentence.

He could not answer because:

☐ he couldn't make up his mind.

☐ he was unable to speak.

☐ he wanted Elizabeth to decide.



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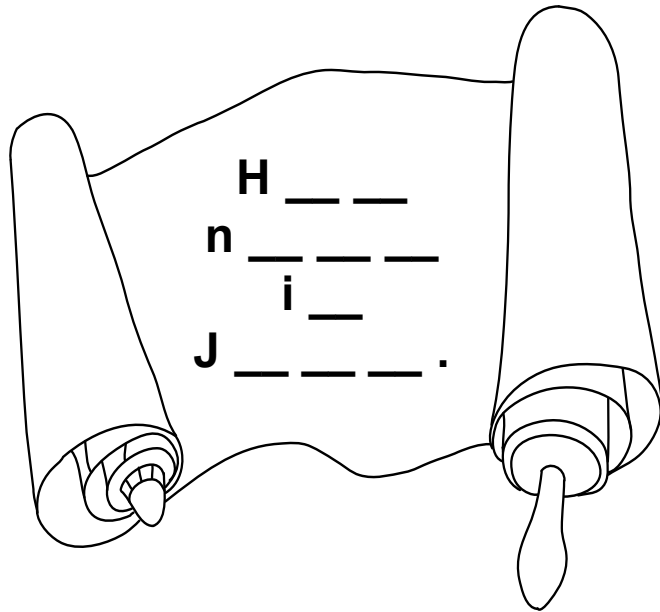
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Q: Fill in the missing letters which Zechariah wrote.

As soon as Zechariah wrote these words, he was able to speak. He started to praise God.

Everybody was amazed at what had happened and the news spread throughout the whole area. People realised that this child was different and that God would be with him in a special way.



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Q: Fill in the missing words in the following paragraph.

When **Z** _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ **w** _ _ _ _ _ that the baby's name was to be **J** _ _ _ _ , his mouth was opened and he could **s** _ _ _ _ _ . He praised **G** _ _ _ , and the neighbours were **a** _ _ _ _ _ _ _ at all that had happened.

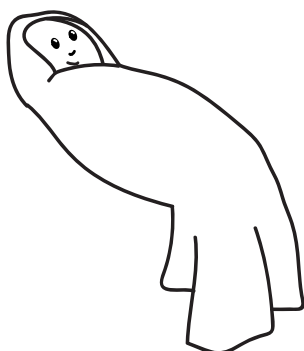
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As Zechariah praised God, he said that one day his son would become a prophet of the Lord. He would also prepare the way for the coming of Jesus.

Q: Circle the correct answer to these questions:

- 1) Who praised God? **Zechariah / Gabriel / John**
- 2) Who would become a prophet of the Lord? **Zechariah / Gabriel / John**

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As John grew up, these things all came true, just as God had said!



God's words can always be trusted. That is why the Bible is such a special book.

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STORY 4: The birth of Jesus

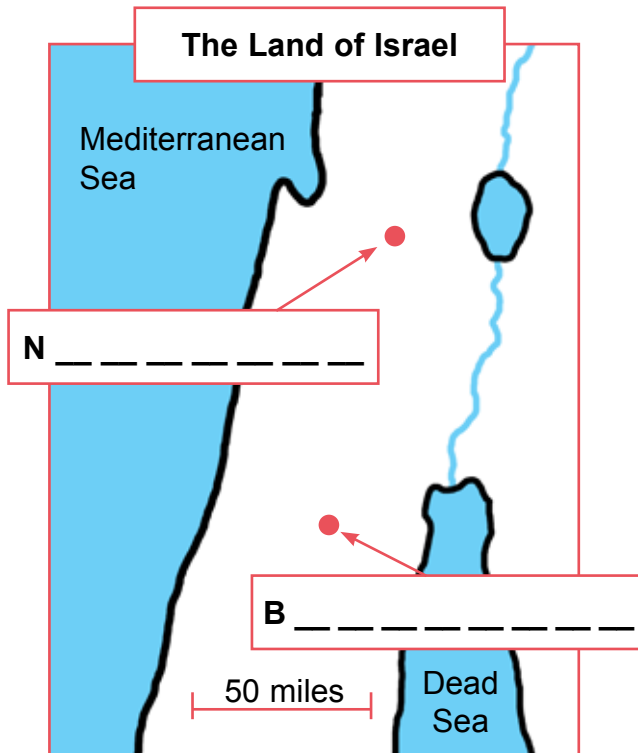
God gives His Son to be our Saviour



READ:
Luke 2: 1-7



KEY VERSE:
Luke 2: 7
*Ask someone to help
you find this verse.*

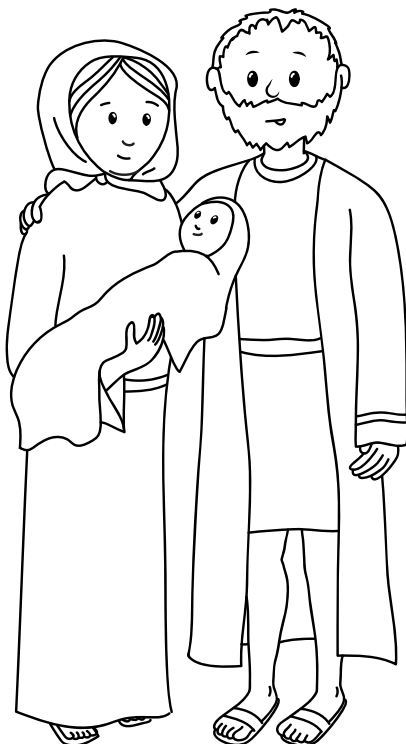


As Mary waited for the birth of her baby, an order came from the Roman Emperor, that everyone would have to go to the city where they were born, to have their names registered.

This meant that Mary and Joseph would have to make the long journey to Bethlehem, which is sometimes called 'the city of David.'

Q: On the map name the town where Mary lived and the place to which they travelled.

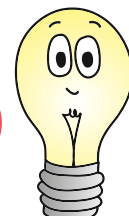
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When they arrived at Bethlehem, it was so crowded that it was difficult to find anywhere to stay. There was no room in the inn, but they eventually found a place where they could stay.

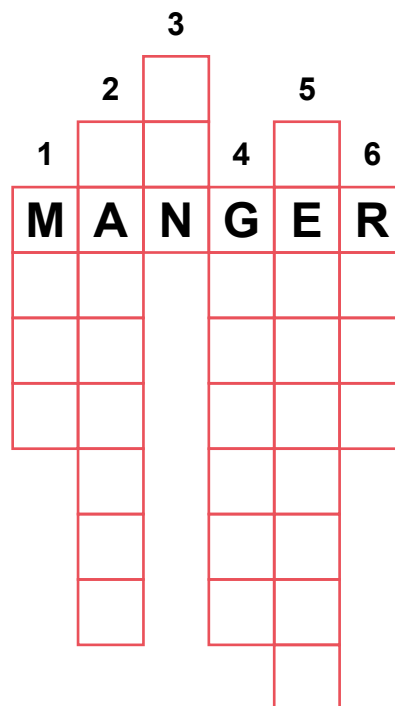
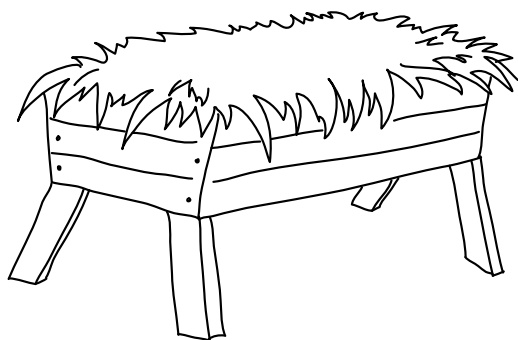
Here Jesus was born. Mary had only cloths to wrap Him in, and then she laid Him in a manger in which the animals' food was usually put. No one would have thought that a baby placed here could have been so important.

*It's amazing to think that the
Son of God came to Earth in such
a humble way. He understands the
worries and cares you face. Why not
talk to Him today?*



Q: Put your answers to the questions in the Word Grid.

1. What was the baby's mother called?
2. What was her home town?
3. What was full?
4. In what part of the country was Nazareth?
5. In what town was Jesus born?
6. Mary and Joseph hoped to find a in the inn.



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Hundreds of babies are born every day around the world, but the Bible teaches there has never been a baby like this. This baby is the Son of God.

Christmas is the time when Christians stop and thank God for His great love, in sending His Son into this world to be our Saviour.

Q: Fill in the missing letters.

Jesus is the **S** _ _ _ **o** _ **G** _ _ _ .

The Bible says that Jesus came to be our **S** _ _ _ _ _ _ _ .

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