



## EXERCISE 1



After roles have been allocated, read the text.

Narrator: God sent the angel Gabriel to Mary, who lived in the town of Nazareth. She was engaged to a man whose name was Joseph.

Angel: Rejoice, highly favoured one, the Lord is with you.

Narrator: Mary was frightened and asked herself, what this peculiar greeting might mean.

Angel: Do not be afraid Mary, for you have found favour with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus.

Mary: How can this be, since I do not know a man?

Angel: The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you: therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

Mary: Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be it to me according to your word.

## EXERCISE 2



Read the picture story below and complete the text using the Bible passage.



Zacharias the priest and his wife, Elisabeth, were devout. They had been married for a long time already, but had no children.

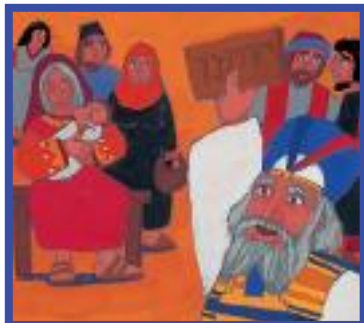


One day, while Zacharias was in the temple to execute his office, an angel appeared to him. Zacharias was frightened. The angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elisabeth will bear you a son,

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(Luke 1:13).

At first, Zacharias did not believe the angel. He said, "How can that be possible? I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years." The angel answered, "I am the angel Gabriel sent by God to bring you these glad tidings. Until the child is born you will be mute because you did not believe my words."



As the angel had said, Elisabeth gave birth to a boy. When he was circumcised, relatives and friends assumed he would be called Zacharias, like his father. It was customary to name a child after one of its relatives. Elisabeth, however, said that he was to be named John. Not even one of the relatives had this name. That is why Zacharias was asked. He had a writing board brought to him on which he wrote,

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(Luke 1:63).

## EXERCISE 2



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From that moment on, Zacharias was able to speak again and praised God. All the neighbours were filled with fear. This story was told throughout the hill region of Judea. Everyone who heard about it asked,

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(Luke 1:66).

Bible text (taken from the first chapter of Luke):

<sup>11</sup> Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

<sup>12</sup> And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

<sup>13</sup> But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.

<sup>14</sup> And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.

<sup>15</sup> For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb.

<sup>18</sup> And Zacharias said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years.”

<sup>19</sup> And the angel answered and said to him, “I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings.

<sup>20</sup> But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time.”

<sup>57</sup> Now Elizabeth’s full time came for her to be delivered, and she brought forth a son.

<sup>58</sup> When her neighbours and relatives heard how the Lord had shown great mercy to her, they rejoiced with her.

<sup>59</sup> So it was, on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias.

<sup>60</sup> His mother answered and said, “No; he shall be called John.”

<sup>61</sup> But they said to her, “There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name.”

<sup>62</sup> So they made signs to his father—what he would have him called.

<sup>63</sup> And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, “His name is John.” So they all marvelled.

<sup>64</sup> Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, praising God.

<sup>65</sup> Then fear came on all who dwelt around them; and all these sayings were discussed throughout all the hill country of Judea.

<sup>66</sup> And all those who heard them kept them in their hearts, saying, “What kind of child will this be?” And the hand of the Lord was with him.

