

Angel Promises

Luke 1:5-56

EXPLORE

As a family, read *The Action Bible* story on pages 526–529 or the *Action Bible New Testament* on pages 16–19. Read this true story from the Bible found in Luke 1:5–56.

Here is what the story is about:

Zechariah was a Jewish priest who was married to a woman named Elizabeth. They were both very old, and they did not have any children. One day, Zechariah was chosen to enter the Holy Place in the temple and give an offering to God. When Zechariah entered the Holy Place, an angel appeared and told him that Elizabeth would give birth to a baby boy. Zechariah doubted the angel, so he was unable to speak until the baby was born. Then, the angel visited Mary, Elizabeth's cousin. Mary was engaged to marry a carpenter named Joseph. The angel told Mary she was going to have a baby—and not just any baby, but God's son, Jesus! Mary was amazed and believed the angel. She went to visit Elizabeth. They both rejoiced and sang songs to praise God for these amazing miracles!

REMEMBER

Answer each question with information you learned from the story:

- › What did the angel tell Zechariah in the temple?
Zechariah would have a son.
- › Why did Zechariah lose his voice?
Zechariah did not believe the angel's words. He believed he and his wife were too old to have children.
- › What did the angel tell Mary about her baby?
The baby would be the God's son. His name is Jesus!

DISCUSS

Both Zechariah and Mary had a special visitor—an angel who brought them surprising news.

› How would you react if you met an angel?

Zechariah doubted the angel. Mary was amazed and trusted the angel's words.

› Have you ever had a hard time believing something God said? What did you do?

After Mary received the amazing news, she rushed to tell her cousin, Elizabeth.

› If you received good news, who would you want to share it with?

PRAY

Read the prayer below aloud or pray your own prayer based on Luke 1:46–51.

Heavenly Father, we worship, praise, and glorify You for the mighty things You have done. Thank You for caring for each of us. You know our names and have mercy on us. Help us to have faith in You and to trust Your good plans for us. In Your holy name, amen.

ACT

Both Mary and Elizabeth worshipped and praised God. They knew that God was keeping His promise to send the Saviour. As a family, spend some time worshipping, dancing, and praising God for His wonderful gift, Jesus. Listen and dance to your favourite family worship song or make up your own song! Jesus is worthy of praise!