



Zechariah's Unbelief

Luke 1:5-25, 1:57-80

This true story from the Bible is about a man named Zechariah. Who is this story about? (Zechariah)

You got it! Zechariah was a priest, and his job was to take care of the temple. He was married to a woman named Elizabeth. They really wanted a baby, but Elizabeth couldn't have one, and she and Zechariah were now very old.

One day while Zechariah was serving at the temple, an angel of the Lord appeared to him. When Zechariah saw the angel, he was startled. But the angel had some really good news! The angel said, "Zechariah, don't be afraid. God has heard your prayer. Your wife, Elizabeth, will give birth to a son, and you will name him John. He will bring you joy! He will get people ready for their Savior to come."



Zechariah couldn't believe what he was hearing! He asked the angel how he and Elizabeth could have a baby when they were so old!

But the angel said to Zechariah, "I am Gabriel. God sent me to talk to you and tell you this good news. Now, you will not be able to speak until the day these things happen, because you didn't believe what I told you. But they really will happen!"



It wasn't long after the angel's visit that Elizabeth became pregnant. When it was time, Elizabeth gave birth to a baby boy! Everyone was so happy for her and wanted Elizabeth to name the baby Zechariah, because that was his father's name. But that wasn't what Elizabeth wanted to do. She said, "No! He will be named John!"

Everyone wondered why she would want that name, so they went to ask Zechariah what he thought about it. Zechariah still couldn't talk, so they brought him a tablet and he wrote, "His name is John."



Immediately, Zechariah could talk again and began singing praises to God! Zechariah sang a song thanking God for promising to send them a Savior, and he prayed for his new son, John, who would prepare a way for the Savior to come!