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### WHO IS JESUS?

**JESUS IS THE MESSIAH, THE SON OF GOD,  
WHO CAME TO EARTH TO SAVE US.**

A priest named Zechariah and his wife Elizabeth lived rightly before God. They were both old and had no children because Elizabeth was not able to have a baby. One day, an angel of the Lord appeared to Zechariah. The angel said, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because God has heard your prayer. Your wife Elizabeth will have a son, and you will name him John. He will make the people ready for the LORD." This was spoken to fulfill what the prophet Malachi said.

Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I know this will happen?"

The angel answered, "You will become silent because you did not believe my words." When Zechariah came out of the sanctuary, he couldn't speak.

Elizabeth became pregnant and gave birth to a son.

Zechariah wrote, "His name is John." Immediately, Zechariah could speak again. Then Zechariah praised God, saying, "Blessed is the Lord because he has provided salvation for his people. You, my son, will go before the Lord and prepare his ways."

When John grew up, God sent him to be a witness for Jesus. John said, "I am a voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Make straight the way of the LORD—just as Isaiah the prophet said."

Christ Connection: God spoke through His prophets in the Old Testament, like Isaiah and Malachi, and shared His plan to send Jesus into the world to save people from sin. When the time had come, God called John to be a witness for Jesus. Anyone who trusts in Jesus will be saved.

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