



We acknowledge our weariness READING

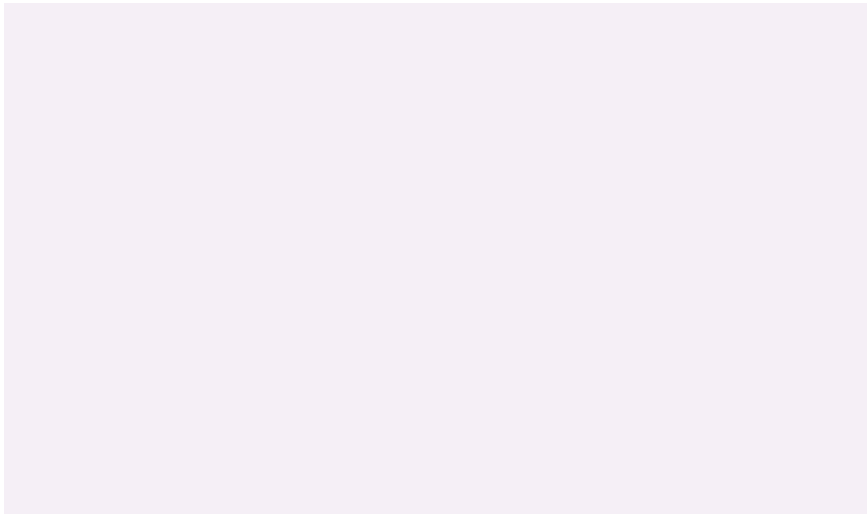
Color the words as you hear them in the service.

LORD Zechariah God
ANGEL WILL PEOPLE time
children ABIJAH getting incense
SPEAK ACCORDING Elizabeth
TURNS sanctuary John
wife MANY drink UNABLE
NOW YEARS words priest
name account BIRTH SPIRIT



DRAWING

Draw a picture of someone receiving good news.



CHILDREN'S BULLETIN

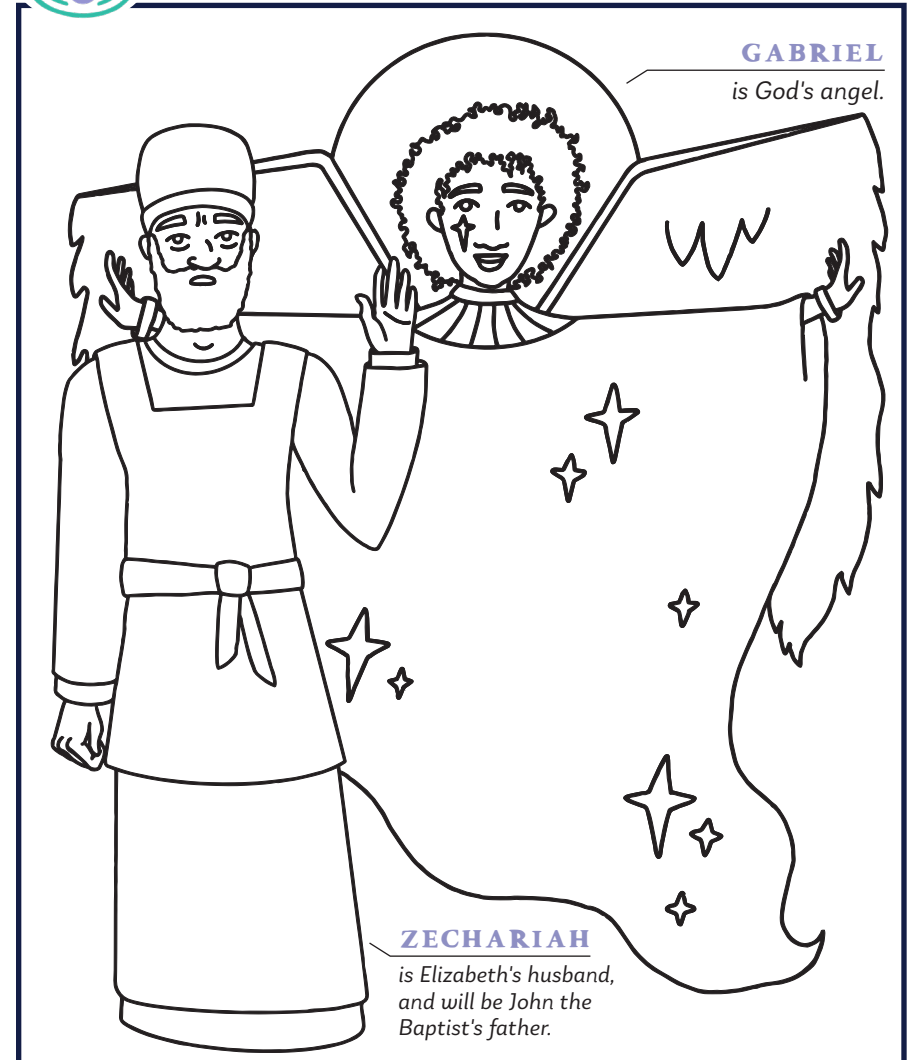
With your parent or caregiver, add color to the story as you learn about each character!



How does a weary world rejoice?

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MAIN IDEA
Sometimes it's hard to believe good news.



GABRIEL
is God's angel.

ZECHARIAH
is Elizabeth's husband,
and will be John the Baptist's father.

1st Sunday of Advent | Luke 1:1-23 | Zechariah & Gabriel



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STORYTELLING

THE ANGEL GABRIEL TELLS ZECHARIAH THAT HE AND HIS WIFE WILL HAVE A SON. ZECHARIAH THINKS THAT GABRIEL'S NEWS IS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE.



REFLECTION How do you think Zechariah communicated with people when he couldn't speak?

In the background behind Gabriel, draw pictures of things that God created to be silent.

GOD TAKES AWAY ZECHARIAH'S ABILITY TO SPEAK.



PRAY Dear God, the world isn't always fair, so it's hard to believe good news sometimes. Thank you for all the ways you surprise us with good news. Help us to always be on the lookout for joy, especially when we doubt it's there. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.