



# ZECHARIAH AND THE ANGEL

Living the Good News  
2nd Sunday of Advent – B

This was the day for Zechariah to burn incense on God's altar and pray for God's people. Only priests could go into this room, where there were no windows. The room was completely dark.

Zechariah was old and experienced. He felt his way to the altar. There, singing to God, he burned the incense. But as he turned, he saw a sight that filled him with fear.

Someone was standing there—and Zechariah knew it was no human.

"Don't be afraid," said this someone.

**"I AM GOD'S  
ANGEL. I  
COME TO  
TELL YOU  
GOD'S NEWS."**

"God has heard your prayers, Zechariah, and the prayers of Elizabeth. You will have a child.

Elizabeth will become pregnant, and she will bear a son, whom you must name John."

Then the angel began to sing: "He will bring joy to you and to many! He will tell people to get ready for God's own Son!"

But Zechariah said, "Why should I believe you? For years I've prayed, and God hasn't answered. Now my wife and I are too old."

The angel said, "I am Gabriel, God's own angel. God has sent me to you with this good news. Even though you refuse to believe me, this good news will come true. But you will not be able to talk again until the day the child is born."

Then the angel was gone. Zechariah opened his mouth to say, "Wait!" But he could not say a word.



# WELCOME GOD'S WORD

**“An angel of the Lord appeared.”**  
(Luke 1:11, Good News Translation)



- \* What do you think about angels?
  - What do you think an angel looks like?
  - What do you think an angel does?
  - Do you think angels are real?
  
- \* There are many stories about angels in the Bible. In some ways, they are different.
  - Some stories say angels look like animals with human heads.
  - Some stories say angels have six wings.
  - Some stories say angels look like young men.
  
- \* All angels in the Bible do one thing: they bring news from God to God’s people.
  
- \* With a friend, read one angel’s message in Luke 1:19.
  
- \* What good news do you wish an angel would bring to God’s people today?
  
- \* Draw or write your idea in the space below.



**WITH  
YOUR FAMILY**

**John the Baptist asked people to change their lives.** This week ask a parent or another adult in your family:

- Did you ever make a big change in your life?
- What help did you find in making this change?